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MEETING OF THE JOINT MINISTERIUM

Friday, May 4, 2 P.M.

The regular annual meeting of the Joint Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan was held in the Fukuoka Lutheran Church on Friday afternoon, May 4th, 1928, beginning at 2 o'clock, the President, Rev. Tsunekichi Yonemura, presiding.

After singing hymn 122, the President read II Cor. 4: 1-15, and John 21: 15-24. Rev. A. J. Stirewalt and Rev. H. Inadomi, secretaries of their respective chambers led in prayer, after which hymn 258 was sung.

The roll was then called, as follows:

(Names are given in order of ministerial connection with the Ev. Luth. Church in Japan. (a) absent.)

(a) Rev. J. M. T. Winther	1898
(a) Rev. C. K. Lippard D. D.	1900
Rev. T. Yonemura	1901
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	1905
Rev. L. S. G. Miller D. D.	1907
(a) Rev. J. P. Nielsen	1909
(a) Rev. E. T. Horn	1911

	Rev. K. Takimoto	1912
	Rev. C. W. Hepner	1912
	Rev. J. K. Linn	1915
	Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson	1916
(a)	Rev. D. G. M. Bach	1916
	Rev. H. Aoyama	1917
	Rev. C. E. Norman	1917
	Rev. T. Chiga	1918
	Rev. T. Wasa	1918
	Rev. I. Miura	1918
	Rev. D. Honda	1918
(a)	Rev. G. W. Schillinger	1920
(a)	Rev. A. C. Knudten	1920
(a)	Rev. S. Takashima	1920
	Rev. R. Ishimatsu	1921
(a)	Rev. N. Washiyama	1921
(a)	Rev. L. G. Gray	1921
	Rev. T. Kawase	1921
	Rev. J. A. Linn	1922
	Rev. H. Inadomi	1922
	Rev. A. Muto	1922
	Rev. K. Watanabe	1922
	Rev. F. W. Heins	1924
(a)	Rev. S. Sato	1924
	Rev. K. Kosaka	1925
	Rev. S. Okuma	1925
	Rev. K. Shiina	1925
	Rev. T. Tsuboike	1925
(a)	Rev. N. Iwanaga	1927

Twenty-four members were present. Twelve were absent.

Rev. K. Takimoto, Chairman of the Examining Committee, reported that Rev. J. A. Linn and Rev. R. Ishimatsu having recommended evangelist Yasunari Yoshida of Shimonoseki, and Rev. D. G. M. Bach and Rev. R. Ishimatsu having recommended Hirosuke Ouchi of Minamata, as candidates for ordination, and the Joint Executive Committee having endorsed their applications, the Examining Committee examined them in the usual way, and that they having passed a satisfactory examination, the Committee desired to present these two brethren to the Ministerium, with the recommendation that they be ordained. The recommendation was signed by the members of the Examining Committee.

Rev. K. Takimoto,	Rev. C. W. Hepner,
Rev. H. Inadomi,	Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.

The Ministerium voted to ordain these two brethren and designated the chief service on next Sunday morning, May 6th, as the time. The President, Rev. T. Yonemura, asked that the presidents and secretaries of the two chambers assist him in the ordination service.

The annual election resulted as follows:

President, Rev. J. M. T. Winther.

Examining Committee, Rev. K. Takimoto, Rev. J. M. T. Winther, Rev. H. Inadomi, Rev. L. S. G. Miller.

The two candidates for ordination, Mr. Y. Yoshida, and Mr. H. Ouchi were then formally presented to the Ministerium, and informed of the Ministerium's decision to ordain them on next Sunday morning.

At 5 P.M., the Ministerium adjourned with prayer by the president, and the benediction by Rev. L. S. G. Miller.

ANNUAL SERMON AND COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday, May 4, 7:30 P. M.

Rev. L. S. G. Miller D. D., conducting the chief service, hymns 36,437, and 162 were sung. I Peter 2:11-17, and John 16:16-24 were read. Rev. K. Takimoto preached the annual sermon from Matt. 10:16. Following the sermon, the communion service was conducted by Rev. I. Miura, Rev. H. Aoyama and Rev. A. J. Stirewalt assisting in the distribution of the elements.

LECTURE

Saturday, May 5, 8 P.M.

Mr. K. Hirai conducting the service, Rev. J. M. T. Winther delivered a lecture on Judgment and Salvation, to an open meeting.

SUNDAY SERVICE AND ORDINATION

Sunday, May 6, 10 A.M.

Rev. T. Yonemura, President of the Joint Ministerium, conducted the service and Rev. C. W. Hepner preached the ordination sermon, using the text, "Who is sufficient for these things," found in II Cor. 2:16b.

After the conclusion of the sermon, Mr. Yasunari Yoshida, and Mr. Hirosuke Ouchi were ordained to the Holy Ministry. Rev. T. Yonemura performed the rite, Revs. K. Takimoto, L. S. G. Miller, H. Inadomi, and A. J. Stirewalt, assisting in the laying on of hands.

LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

Sunday, May 6, 2-4 P. M.

At this time the Laymen's Conference was held.

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE'S SERVICE

Sunday, May 6, 8 P. M.

An open meeting conducted by the Evangelistic Committee was held at this time, for the purpose of fostering a greater spirit of evangelism. Rev. R. Ishimatsu presided, and Rev. Bach, Mr. Tsuru, Rev. Honda, and Rev. Inadomi, were the speakers.

CLOSING SERVICE

Wednesday, May 9, 6:45-7:10 P. M.

The Japanese Chamber having announced that it had finished its business, the two Chambers met in joint session to close, this, the Ninth Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan. Rev. H. Inadomi, in conducting the service, read John 21, and after some brief remarks, Revs. T. Chiga and J. M. T. Winther were asked to lead in prayer. Expressions of appreciation and thanks to the local congregation were given by Miss Akard and Rev. K. Takimoto. Mr. Tsuru of the local congregation responded. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Miller.

AD INTERIM ACTIONS

Both Chambers approved of the following ad interim actions taken by the Joint Executive Committee:—

By CORRESPONDENCE:

- June 8, 1927. That in consequence of a request to open a dormitory for laborers in Yawata, we make investigation before giving a reply.
1. June 8, 1927. That the Seminary Faculty's recommendation regarding Theol. students' Summer work be approved, as follows: Student Kawagiri for work in Hakata, Student Yamanouchi in Kurume, Student Sakai in Osaka-Fukushima, Student Aoyama in Kobe, and Student Utsumi in Tosu.
 2. June 8, 1927. That a loan of ¥60 be made from The Pastors'

Aid Fund to Mr. Tominaga Shunji, to be refunded at the rate of ¥5 per month from January, 1928.

3. June 30, 1927. That ¥ 30 per month be allowed Hirai Kiyoshi, until our next Convention, in consequence of his brother's educational expenses.
4. July 8, 1927. That from Aug. to Dec. 1927, the salary of Rev. Shiina Kiichiro be reduced to ¥60 per month, because of continued inactivity, while in the hospital; and that his case be further considered at the January meeting of our committee.
5. July 8, 1927. That an appropriation of ¥100 be made to Rev. Tsuboike Takeshi because of loss sustained in the burning of the Moji chapel and parsonage.
6. July 19, 1927. That the amount of ¥214 be appropriated as deposit money and rent for Tominaga Shunji, in Kumamoto, from May 10 to Dec. 31.
7. July 25, 1927. That ¥118.20 be appropriated for temporary repairs on the Moji chapel, in consequence of the fire which occurred in June.
8. Aug. 2, 1927. That a loan of ¥200 from The Pastors' Aid Fund be made to Rev. Chiga Toranosuke, the same to be refunded at the rate of ¥20 per month from January 1928.

MEETING:

The Joint Executive Committee met in Osaka Sept. 21 and adjourned the next day. The following actions were taken:

9. That in case the Ruteru budget has sufficient funds on hand at the end of this year, the amount of ¥250 be deposited with the government, so as to secure the privilege of publishing articles on current topics.

10. That in reply to the request of the Shimonoseki church that a missionary be located in Shimonoseki, we say that no missionary is available, at present.

11. That because of his illness, necessitating Rev. Shiina's prolonged absence from his congregation, we consider the Kurume pastorate vacant (of a pastor); but that his monthly allowance of ¥60 be continued until the end of the present calendar year.

12. That the plans for a dormitory for laborers, in Yawata, being insufficient, Rev. Kawase, together with the cooperating missionary be asked to submit a revised plan to the Joint Executive Committee meeting in January. (The plans submitted were from Rev. Kawase only).

13. That Mr. Kishi be located in Kurume, as evangelist for the Kurume Church, after his return to Japan, this Autumn, and that his appointment hold until Conference 1928.

14. That ¥40 per month for Moji parsonage rent, from June to the end of the present year be granted. (This was made necessary because of the fire in June).

15. That in reply to the request of the Shimonoseki Church for ¥5 per month, for rent at Ozuki, they be informed that the request is approved if the amount can be secured from their local budget.

16. That in reply to the Theol. Seminary's request for medical expenses for Theol. student Muto, they be asked to try to bear this item out of their budget, but that in case, at the end of the year, the seminary finds that it has a deficit, the matter can then be reconsidered by the Jt. Ex. Comm. (Mr. Muto's expenses to date are ¥850.)

17. That the Rogetsu Cho chapel Moji which was partly destroyed by fire be repaired and used as a preaching place, and that a church building be erected on the Tani Machi lot. (The action of the Comm. was regarding policy involved in the work—not on building itself).

18. Rev. Honda having requested a leave of absence of six months for attendance at the World's Sunday School Convention, in Los Angeles, in July 1928, and a trip to the east (U.S.A.), the expense of the latter to be borne for him, it was decided to grant him three months absence, and to ask our Board to arrange, for him, a trip to the eastern part of the States.

19. That ¥250 be granted for repairs on the Suido Cho Church, Kumamoto, such repairs being necessitated by the typhoon of Sept. 13.

20. That the opinion of the faculty of our Theol. Seminary be secured on the advisability of sending Iseri Sadayasu, a second year seminary student, to America next Summer, for a college and seminary course.

21. That Rev. Winther be located in Kurume for work, on his return to Japan.

22. That Rev. Thorlaksson be located in Kobe for work, until the return of Dr. Lippard, it being understood that Rev. Thorlaksson remain in Kurume until Mr. Kishi takes up that work.

23. That the request of the Women's Literature Comm. for a general meeting for women, in the Spring of 1928, be granted, and that for the needed expenses, ¥125 be taken from the women's budget, and ¥125 from the men's budget.

24. That up to ¥200 be granted Nagoya Church for repairs on the Ch. building and well, and for a fence.

25. That Rev. C. W. Hepner be appointed associate missionary in Nagoya and Toyohashi.

26. That Shimpoin Cho, Tennoji Ku, be approved as the location for the proposed church in Osaka, if a lot at that place can be secured.

27. That in the absence of a president of our Theological Seminary, we recommend that the Zaidan appoint Rev. J. K. Linn Kocho Jimu Toriatsukai.

28. That in reply to request from Rev. Iwanaga for ¥10 additional rent for his home, we state that the budget is unable to stand further expenditure for this purpose, but that from January 1928, an additional ¥10 making his total rent ¥40 will be allowed, but that the monthly payment on the chapel debt will have to be reduced from ¥30 to ¥20. (There is a history).

29. That no Ex. Comm. meeting can be called unless four, or more, of the Committee members request it.

30. That Oct. 2 be designated as a day for collection in our churches in behalf of the sufferers in the recent Kumamoto flood (Funds are to be sent to Revs. Ishimatsu & Inadomi).

31. That ¥100 be loaned from the Pastors' Aid Fund to Rev. D. Honda, same to be repaid on the schedule of ¥8 per month.

32. That one month's salary (¥30) be paid to the younger brother of Miss Koga, our Saga Bible woman, who recently died.

33. That we extend to Dr. F. H. Knuble, our invitation to visit the Japan Lutheran Mission in connection with his trip to, or from, the Jerusalem Conference.

By CORRESPONDENCE:

34. Oct. 30, 1927. That a leave of absence, not exceeding three months be granted Rev. K. Watanabe, for attendance at

the World's Sunday School Convention, in Los Angeles, in July 1928.

35. Nov. 25, 1927. That a loan of ¥400 from the Pastors' Aid Fund be made to Rev. Ishimatsu Ryoza, the same to be refunded at the rate of ¥10 per month from May 1928.
36. Dec. 1, 1927. That approval be given the Kurume Church to erect a new kindergarten building at a cost of ¥10,000.00, ¥6,000 of which is to be raised by soliciting the citizens of Kurume, and the remaining 4,000 from the members of the congregation.

MEETING:

The Joint Ex. Comm. met at Ashiya on Jan. 10, and adjourned the next day. The following actions were taken:

37. a. Voted that because of the continued illness of Takami Iwao, he be relived from evangelistic work in our church at the end of March, or should he find it convenient, anytime before that date.

b. That three months salary (¥312) be granted Mr. Takami on his discontinuance of work.

38. Voted to approve the erection, on our recently acquired church lot in Osaka, a parsonage with adequate room to accommodate the church meetings until a church building is realized, and that the amount of the Cooper estate left after payment for the church lot, together with a loan for which the Osaka church will be responsible, be used in payment for same, it being understood that the present rate of rent (¥100 per month) on the building now used as church and parsonage be used in payment of the loan and interest until the loan is fully repaid. The total cost of the building is estimated at about ¥5,600.

39. Voted to appoint a committee of two to study that portion of Japan yet unoccupied by our church and to make a schedule of places in which we purpose to open new work in the future, and that such plan be submitted to our next Annual Conference for approval. Revs. Honda and Stirewalt were appointed.

40. Voted to postpone the appointment of prospective Theol. students Kawagiri Shinichi and Matsuoka Kanzo to work until the meeting of our Annual Conference in May.

41. Voted a loan of ¥200 to Watanabe Kiyoshi to help meet expenses incurred because of his wife's illness, said loan to be re-

paid at the rate of ¥20 per month, beginning with February 1928.

42. Voted to ask our Mission Board to Pay \$100, in payment of a loan of the same amount made to Hirai Kiyoshi by the Mission, because of additional traveling expenses incurred on his return to Japan.

43. Voted to grant to Hirai Kiyoshi the amount of ¥100 in view of special personal expenses, in beginning his work, said amount to be taken from the budget item New Work and Workers.

44. Voted to continue the salary of ¥60 per month to Shiina Ki-ichiro until Annual Conference in May.

45. Voted to recommend evangelists Yoshida Yasunari and Ouchi Hirotsuke to the Examining Committee for ordination.

46. Voted to accept, for Women's Work support, as students in preparation for future work, the following:—

Sakai Matsue for kindergarten work

Ide Fumiko for kindergarten work

Kido Sada for evangelistic work.

47. Voted to approve the recommendation of the Women's Work Comm. that Nonaka Misa who is now working at the Ji Ai En give half her time to work in connection with Suido Cho Church, and draw half her salary (¥30) from Women's Work budget, item New Work and Workers, until regular appropriation is made.

48. Voted to refer the matter of Kameyama Hida for Bible woman training to the Women's Work Committee for consideration.

49. In reply to Rev. Thorlaksson's request that financial aid be given toward the purchase of a church lot of 150 to 200 tsubo land at Amagi, it was voted that we encourage the Amagi Church to purchase approximately 100 tsubo with the funds (¥1,435.50) already in hand, or subscribed, with the promise that afterwards we will try to devise some way to have a church building erected.

50. Voted that we appropriate ¥10, in addition to ¥15, already in the budget for Rev. Washiyama's work at Tanoshimaru, for Jan.-June, 1928.

51. Voted to ask the Mission to try to arrange to pay, from Mission budget, the deficit of ¥150 on 1927 seminary work at Nakano Kogisho.

52. Voted disapproval of sending Rev. Thorlaksson to oversee the erection of the kindergarten building at Kurume.

53. Voted that since, according to reports, the Board has on hand money for a church lot in Kobe, and since a suitable lot of 200 tsubo is available, we ask the Board to send \$12,000 for this purpose.

54. Voted to ask Revs. Honda and Stirewalt to study the matter of sending students to America, with special investigation as to what other churches are doing in this behalf, and report.

55. Voted to ask the Mission to try to pay, out of Mission budget, the amount to ¥118.20 expended in temporary repairs on the Rogetsu Cho, Moji chapel, after the fire in June, so as to leave the entire amount of ¥5,000 received from the insurance company, for use in permanent repairs, and in the erection of the new chapel at Tani Machi, Moji.

56. Voted that until the Conference in May, all traveling be 3rd class so as to economize budget funds.

57. Voted that we request the Mission Board to grant ¥23,895.69 as our budget for evangelistic work, for the half year, January to June 1928.

58. Voted that we request the Mission Board to grant ¥51,970. as our budget for evangelistic work, for the year, July 1928 to June 1929.

59. Voted that May 4th be chosen for the opening of our 1928 Annual Conference, and that May 8th be designated as the day for its closing. (At last Conference, Fukuoka was chosen as the place).

By CORRESPONDENCE

Feb. 20, 1928. That the rent appropriation for the Ebara parsonage be increased from ¥30 to ¥40 per month, from Jan. 1928.

60. Feb. 20, 1928. That an appropriation of ¥138.93 be made for various items of building and equipment expenses connected with Ebara Church.

61. March 10, 1928. That ¥20 be appropriated as additional traveling expenses for the work of the Moji Chapel, for Jan. to June.

62. Mar. 10, 1928. That ¥12 additional be appropriated toward the expenses of the Moji Lending Library, for Jan. to June.

63. March 15, 1928. That one month's salary of ¥45 be granted to

Mrs. Hayashi Chiyo, as bonus in consequence of her resignation, from our work.

64. March 15, 1928. That since there is an excess of ¥142 in the budget item of rent, for Toyohashi, this amount be allowed that station for equipment, repairs, and incidentals during the period from Jan. to June.
65. March 25, 1928. That the amount of ¥2 per month additional be granted the Ebara Church for traveling expenses, from April, 1928.
66. March 30, 1928. That approval be given the Women's Work Committee's recommendation, viz., That from this year, beneficiary students under the Women's Work be supported to the extent of paying for their board, tuition, music, but the students themselves be required to pay traveling expenses, incidentals, book bills, etc.
67. April 20, 1928. That a loan of ¥100 from the Pastor's Aid Fund, he made to Rev. S. Takashima, the same to be repaid by the end of the present calendar year.

CONVENTION ACTIONS

Taken by Both Chambers:

After exchanging greetings, the two Chambers took the following actions:

1. As our President, Rev. K. Takimoto, stated with repeated emphasis in his opening address of the Convention, the religious world of the Japanese Empire is now greatly stirred. In the hearts of our people there is much deep-seated satisfaction and there are many earnest demands; and among serious-minded people the desire for religion is becoming acute. Under circumstances such as these, our Emperor is about to celebrate his coronation in the autumn of this year, and various religious organizations are now putting forth their utmost efforts to produce commemorative works worthy of the occasion.

It is now full thirty-five years since we began our evangelistic work in Japan. Indeed the time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Now we must most courageously preach the Gospel to our people. We cannot but plan some definite un-

dertaking, and do our best to bring about its realization.

RESOLVED: 1. That in commemoration of the Imperial Coronation we take advantage of the occasion to strengthen the foundation of our Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church by making a rapid inward development and a greater outward expansion.

2. That with this object in view we try to establish at least half a dozen self-supporting churches, and urge the rest of our churches to make a further advance and become self-supporting, and our preaching-places put forth efforts to qualify as, and become, organized churches.

3. That we entrust to the Executive Committee and the Evangelistic Committee the matter of studying the best methods, and ask them to propose as soon as possible concrete plans for the realization of this project.

2. We, the members of the ninth annual convention of the Japanese Lutheran Church, in session at Fukuoka, May, 1928, do hereby, with one accord,

a. Express our hearty thanks to Almighty God for His blessings in the work of the establishment of His kingdom, in this land. The work in Thine, O Lord! and we can do nothing apart from Thee.

b. Extend greetings and expressions of gratitude to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America for its support in the past, and our hope for continued interest and help in the future.

c. Consider the time ripe for a forward step in the re-organization of our cooperative basis with each other.

d. Accordingly resolve, with the consent of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America to do away with the present Constitution, By-Laws, and Agreements under which we have labored until the present, and that in order to lay the foundations of the Japanese Lutheran Church on a more firm foundation in line with the growing Lutheran Church consciousness, spirit of self-support, and Japanese leadership,

That we approve the proposed Constitution, By Laws, and Special Agreements to be presented to our Board of Foreign Missions, for their approval, or correction, and then be brought up at our next Annual Convention for final adoption, and when adopted to go into effect, at once. If at that time, any changes are to be made, it shall be on a two-thirds majority vote of both houses.

Signed by the Constitution Revision Committee:

T. Chiga, A. J. Stirewalt, I. Miura, C. W. Hepner, T. Tsuboike, L. S. G. Miller, D. Honda, H. Inadomi.

3. That, Revs. Hepner and Stirewalt, representing our two chambers, present, in person, to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, the proposed Constitution, By-Laws, and Special Agreements.

4. That the ad interim actions of the Joint Executive Committee be approved.

5. That we discontinue work in Toyohashi.

6. That we begin work in Hiroshima, using the remaining part of the Toyohashi budget, and that if additional funds are needed, the same be drawn from the budget item, New Work and Workers.

7. That the following appointments be made:

1. C. Kishi to continue in Kurume.
2. Rev. S. Okuma to be transferred from Hita to Hiroshima.
3. S. Fukuyama to be transferred from Toyohashi to Hita.
4. Rev. H. Aoyama to be transferred from Kobe to Saga.
5. Rev. K. Watanabe to be transferred from Saga to Kobe.
6. Rev. T. Tsuboike to be transferred from Moji to Fukushima (Osaka).
7. Seminary graduate Kawagiri to Moji.
8. Seminary graduate Matsuoka to Tosu.
9. Rev. K. Takimoto to be the associated worker at Fukushima (Osaka).
10. Rev. T. Yonemura to be the associated worker at Nagoya.
11. Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson to be the associated worker at Hiroshima.
12. Rev. J. M. T. Winther to be the associated worker at Tosu, in addition to his relationship to the Kurume field, thus changing Tosu from the Saga field to the Kurume field.

8. That the following appointments of the Women's Work Committee be approved:

1. Miss Grace Beers to Tokyo, for one year, from July.
2. Miss Martha Harder to Kyushu Jo Gakuin.

9. That Mrs. Chiori Hayashi who was formerly connected

with our Tokyo work be re-employed as Bible woman to work in connection with the Tokyo Church.

10. That Revs. H. Inadomi, T. Yonemura, and D. Honda be appointed, in addition to our regular delegates, Revs. K. Takimoto, and A. J. Stirewalt, to attend the Jerusalem Report Conference to be held under the auspices of the National Christian Council, in Tokyo, in June.

11. a. That in view of the favorable reports concerning Rev. Nielsen's health, we request our Board to return Mr. & Mrs. Nielsen to the field as soon as possible.

b. That because of the urgent need of maintaining our missionary staff on the field, as indicated by repeated requests from the Japanese, we ask our Board to return to the field, this Fall, all missionaries who are home on furlough, also to send new recruits, whenever suitable candidates are available.

12. That a cable be sent to the Board urging the Danish Synod to return Mr. & Mrs. Nielsen to Japan, this Fall.

13. That Miss Sumi Isobe be appointed as helper in the Fukuo-ka field until March 1929, at a compensation of from ¥10 to ¥25 per month, with a view to her becoming a beneficiary student for Bible training, at that time.

14. That suitable quarters be rented in Ozuki for the purpose of Sunday School and evangelistic work.

15. That our Sunday Schools be asked to contribute ¥20 to be used together with the same amount received from Mr. Mikuriya in Philadelphia, for the purchase of a Japanese flag to be sent to the Light Brigade in America, as a memorial to Mrs. Cronk.

16. a. That the Board be asked to use the services of Rev. Knudten during the remaining part of his furlough in America, in securing funds for the acquisition of a lot, and a church and kindergarten buildings in Nagoya.

b. That whenever a lady missionary is available for Nagoya, she be appointed to that work.

17. That we ask our Board to appropriate ¥3,000 with which to erect at Amagi, a chapel, on a lot which the congregation there plans to buy.

18. That ¥100 be appropriated to the Sunday School Committee as additional funds with which to do its work during the year July, 1928—June 1929.

19. That ¥42 be appropriated for repairs on the floor of the Rogetsu Cho chapel, Moji.

20. That ¥30 be granted to S. Fukuyama, from our present budget, as the amount yet due from last year, as equipment for the beginning of work.

21. That the special grant of ¥30 per month to K. Hirai, be continued until his brother graduates from Kyushu Gakuin next March.

22. That an additional of ¥10 per month be granted S. Tomi-naga as house rent.

23. That considering the ill health of Rev. K. Shiina, he be discontinued as an active worker, that ¥350 from Mission funds, and ¥150 from Pastors' Aid funds be given him, and that his two children be continued on regular children's allowance, until such time that other provision may be made.

24. That Kikuji Higashi and Akira Nomura be received on probation for one year as beneficiary students, with the ministry in view; but that at the end of the year, medical certificates be required for the further consideration of their cases, it being considered that we are, under absolutely no obligation to continue their support longer, unless their condition at that time is satisfactory.

25. That the following arrangement for Convention expenses be approved: ¥597.71 be paid by the Mission, ¥298.86 be paid by the churches, and that ¥38.36 received through collections during the Convention be used in this behalf. Total Expenses ¥934.93.

26. That the following budget for the Ruteru (Lutheran), for July—June, be approved:

Income: From the Churches	¥ 366.
From the Mission	570.
Expenditures: Printing	576.
Editorial & Business	180.
Carriage	84.
Postage & Telegrams	16.
Mss. & Cuts	60.
Miscellaneous	20.
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27. That Rev. R. Ishimatsu be granted leave of absence for at-

tendance at the World's Sunday School Convention, in Los Angeles, Cal., but that his proposed trip to the eastern part of the United States be disapproved.

28. That the evangelistic library at Moji be transferred to Kukumamoto in charge of Rev. Bach and Mr. Tominaga.

CORRECTION

That action No. 20, page 74, 1927 minutes, having been erroneously translated, it be corrected to read:

That in event of theological students being sent out to help in church work during the Summer, their appointment, as regards individual, shall be made by the Joint Executive Committee, upon the recommendation of the seminary faculty.

ANNUAL REPORTS
of
THE PRESIDENT,
STANDING COMMITTEES,
DELEGATES,
and
REPRESENTATIVES
of
INSTITUTIONS
1927

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we assemble here in the city of Hakata for the Ninth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan, it should be with hearts full of thanksgiving to Almighty God that thru the guidance of the Holy Spirit a body of Christians has been gathered together in this city, faithful servants of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who now welcome this Convention to their midst. It is a joy to be here and we wish to assure the Hakata congregation of our very sincere appreciation of their hospitality.

One year has passed since last Convention at Kurume. What has this year meant in bringing souls to Jesus Christ? What has it meant to each one of us? What has it meant for the establishing of our Church in the Japanese Empire? These are big questions and these few days together will give us an opportunity to think them over more carefully than it is possible for us to do while in the midst of the regular work. We will hear the reports read and study the statistical tables, but these will not represent the grand total of the year's work. The seed has been sown in many other hearts that some day will bring forth fruit a hundred fold. We rejoice that many barriers are being broken down and that greater numbers are gathering to hear the preaching of the gospel than in days not far in the past. The multitudes are not yet turning to the Christ, but from many sources the reports come to us that there is less prejudice, more interest, more open minds among the people. There are causes for real thanksgiving.

In this connection I have thought that it would help us to understand conditions better, if those in charge of evangelistic work would report in person on the work in the various districts. I have, therefore, taken the liberty to ask that this be done as in the case of our various institutions. The President's report will not cover the activities of the various evangelistic districts. Believing that this will add to the interest of our Conventions I would like to suggest that this be made an action of the Mission that such reports be made annually.

At our last Convention the printing of a daily Prayer Calendar was authorized. This Calendar was printed and sent to all members of the Mission and Japanese workers. It has been used daily by some and I trust by many for I know of no way in which we can be drawn closer together and receive greater strength

than thru daily intercession for one another by name. Let us try to cultivate more and more the prayer life that the work may be blessed and that we may be given true Christian love for each other. This Prayer Calendar has just been revised and brought up to date.

At this Convention it is a special joy to welcome back into the life and work of the Mission our senior missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. T. Winther, after an absence of seven years from the field. At the call of the Board Rev. Winther resigned his pastorate in Denmark to return to Japan and now he and Mrs. Winther are in our midst to help in the great work yet to be done in this land. They have been appointed to the Kurume field and took up their work there the last of March.

Just as warm, too, is the welcome we extend to the Rev. and Mrs. Jno. K. Linn and family on their return to Japan after their regular furlough of a year and a half in the home land. Rev. Linn returned to his work at the Theological Seminary last September and is now the acting President of that institution.

We are always most fortunate when we have an opportunity to welcome new missionaries. This year it is a real pleasure to welcome two. Miss Helene Harder and Miss Mary Heltibridle, who arrived in Japan last September and since that time have been students of the Tokyo Language School. We know that these young ladies have responded to the call of their Master to labor in His Japan vineyard, and we assure them that there is a great field of service open before them. We congratulate them on their decision and give them a hearty welcome.

This is the bright side so far as our missionary force is concerned, but what of our losses? There has probably never been a time when we have had more missionaries absent from the field than during the past year. This has necessarily meant a great handicap in the work all along the line. Since our last Convention the following, in the order in which they left the field, have gone on regular furlough: the Rev. and Mrs. Knudsen and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Schillinger and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Horn and family and Mrs. Hepner and children. In addition to these leaving on regular furloughs the Rev. J. P. Nielsen, President of our Theological Seminary and Secretary of the Mission, was forced to give up because of a long and serious illness and returned to America in July followed in September by Mrs. Nielsen. A forced return to America of this kind is different from a regular furlough and it was difficult to adjust our work to meet this loss. Rev. Jno.

K. Linn was requested by cable to return to Japan at once and the Board kindly sent him so that he was on the field to begin work at the Seminary at the opening of the term in September. Rev. Stirewalt was elected Secretary and Rev. Hepner as the fifth member of the Mission Executive Committee. We are very thankful to learn thru a recent letter from Mr. Nielsen that he has much improved in health and that there is now no reason physically, so far as he knows, why he should not return to Japan this fall. He also states that both he and Mrs. Nielsen are ready and willing to return to their work in Japan whenever the Board can send them out. In view of the fact that Rev. and Mrs. Nielson are not on regular furlough, I believe we should request their return to Japan as soon as possible that he may be able to continue his work at the Seminary.

To the number of those who have left the field since our last Convention we must add those who were off the field one year ago and have not yet returned viz. Dr. and Mrs. Lippard, the Rev. and Mrs. Gray and Miss Shirk.

The Secretary of the Board in a letter of June 22nd, 1927 reported the resignation from the Japan Mission on April 15th, 1927 of Miss Reba Hendrickson. This resignation had already been accepted by the Board, Miss Hendrickson served one term of five years in Japan. She served faithfully in the various duties to which she was appointed and we regret that she found it necessary to resign from the Mission. We wish to assure Miss Hendrickson of our appreciation of her work in Japan and of our continued interest and prayers for God's richest blessings upon her.

Summing up our losses we find that during the past year we have had six families and one woman off the field. The first part of this summer with the leaving of the Rev. and Mrs. Stirewalt and family and Rev. Hepner on furlough we will have eight families and one woman absent from the field and eight families and ten women on the field. This is a very serious condition, and especially so when our Board is laboring under a heavy debt and has, therefore, been forced to consider keeping our Missionaries in American longer than the furlough period.

We realize that this is a responsibility the Board must assume in view of conditions as they know them in the home land. However, the burden is upon us on whom the responsibility for the Japan work rests most directly to pray to our Heavenly Father that He may return to their work as soon as possible those who have been called and have consecrated their lives to the redemption of Japan. In this spirit let us explain the situation to our

Board with a request that all of the Japan Missionaries be returned to the field as soon as possible after the expiration of regular furloughs.

It is my conviction that we have not yet reached the time when we can say that the Lutheran Church should begin to reduce the number of our Missionaries. Other Churches that have been in Japan longer and have put many times more into the work than we have and have, as a result, a much stronger Japanese Church than ours, may be able to reduce their Missionary force, but for us the time has not yet come. We must get away from the habit of comparing ourselves with others and trying to follow their lead too quickly. We must first go thru all the stages of development thru which they have passed and then we will be ready for a comparison. This has not yet been done and, therefore, I do not believe it is possible for us to carry on the work we have undertaken and establish an autonomous Church unless, as a minimum, we keep our missionary force at its present numerical strength for a number of years to come.

For the establishment of an autonomous Japanese church trained Japanese pastors are imperative. It is, therefore, with much pleasure that we welcome for the first time to our Convention three new Evangelists, all graduates of our own Theological Seminaries, who should in due time be ordained as pastors of our Church. In October 1927, Mr. C. Kishi returned from America where he had been for a number of years preparing for the ministry. Mr. Kishi graduated at Roanoke College and our Southern Theological Seminary and also did some post graduate work. After his return to Japan he was appointed to the Kurume Church as Evangelist until this Convention when he should be reappointed. In March two students, Mr. S. Kawagiri and Mr. K. Matsuoka, graduated from our Tokyo Theological Seminary after having completed their full course. They should also receive their appointments at this Convention.

We regret to have to record the loss by death of one Japanese worker during the past year. Miss Koga, for a number of years a kindergartner and Bible Woman at Saga and Hakata was called home soon after our last Convention. Koga San was a consecrated worker and we know that her life has meant much for the Kingdom in her various activities. We thank God for her life, and pray that others may be raised up to take her place.

Our Board has also suffered two serious losses thru death in its personnel during the past year. We simply mention with re-

verence those two veterans in the cause of Foreign Missions, Dr. Ezra K. Bell for many years President of the Board and Dr. M. J. Epting for many years a member of the Board, who were called to fields of higher service soon after our last Convention. Their deaths have already been recognized with suitable resolutions sent by the officers of the Mission.

We would also remember the death of Dr. C. H. Nielsen, who died the latter part of 1927 in Liberia, Africa, where he was serving as a missionary of our Church. We wish to express to Mrs. Nielsen and children and to his brother, Rev. J. P. Nielsen, our sincere sympathies and assure them of our interest and prayers that God may bless and strengthen them in this great sorrow.

Along the line of material equipment we have made some advances during the past year. First in order was the dedication of our Minamata church. The building we had been using for some time was renovated and made more churchly so that it is now much more suitable as a place of worship. This church was dedicated June 5th, 1927. A second church was dedicated at Moji on March 25th of this year. Some times a fire is a real blessing to some and so it seems to have been the case at Moji. On June 15th, 1927, our old chapel burned. The fire insurance company paid us Y5,000 for our loss and with this amount the new church was erected on our lot in Tani Machi. We now have in Moji quite an attractive little church sufficient for our needs for some years to come, at a total cost of a very little over Y5,000. A third, our Tokyo church, is now in course of construction and should be ready for dedication during this present month. This is a building we have needed for many years and we are truly thankful that it is now being realized. This church is being constructed of reinforced concrete and with equipment will cost about Y31,000. One residence, the home of the missionaries at the Ji Ai, En, was completed in December of last year. This home has been a great comfort as it meets a very serious need. Our special thanks are due the women of the Women's Board for making this possible as a special gift. At Osaka a tract of land of about 200 tsubo, located near our present rented church building, has been purchased for our Osaka church at a total cost of about Y31,000. All of this amount was received from the estate of that wonderful friend of the Japan Mission, the late Mr. J. E. Cooper of Winchester, Virginia.

Considering our great need for equipment in many places, these few things that have been realized during the past year should give us much joy and we should be truly thankful for the

same. But, let us continue to look over the field and try to do all in our power, especially while on furloughs, to secure other buildings still so much needed. It is with much satisfaction that we note the amount of time and hard work Dr. Lippard is giving while in America to collecting money for a Kobe church. He assures us that he is meeting with success and we pray that the goal may soon be reached.

While considering our material needs, it would seem that there is a special need for a mission residence at Kurume. The Kurume district is an important one because of the territory that can be reached from this city as a center. It seems to be our policy to keep a missionary here and, if this is the case, a suitable residence in badly needed. In practically all places now where we do not have residences for our missionaries it is possible to rent comfortable homes, but this is not the case in Kurume as it is almost impossible to rent a suitable residence in any part of the city. Should we not make a special request to our Board for a home for the Kurume missionaries?

As we think of the great masses yet untouched by the Gospel, I am sure we will all agree that evangelism is still the great calling of the Church. In view of this proposed reorganization of our Church, this is not the time for a long discussion of the subject leading to any radical change, but it might be that at least one slight alternation could be made to meet present needs, even before a new form of organization can be adopted and put into effect.

At the present time our missionaries in evangelistic work are often handicapped because they have no special fund that they can draw on for evangelistic work out side of the amounts apportioned in the budget to the various stations. Just now, because of the way our work is divided, all may not need such a fund, but some could use it to fine advantage and ought to have it in order to work out into new fields. Such expenses would likely have to be included in the Mission budget. I would suggest that this question be given consideration and if at all possible, some plan be worked out to help the evangelistic work in this way.

A great stride forward was made during the past year in the work of the women of the Church. The Woman's Literature Committee appointed for the first time at our last Convention has been at work during the year and has succeeded in publishing and distributing suitable literature for use in the various societies. Also, in April at Kumamoto the first General Convention of the Women's Societies of our Church was convened and a permanent organiza-

tion effected. A most successful and enthusiastic gathering is reported. A report from the Committee in regard to these matters will be in order at this Convention.

Our hearty congratulations are extended to the women for we believe we will hear of still greater things from them in the future. We should do all possible to encourage this new organization as has been done in the past, and should be continued in the future, in the case of the Laymen's Convention.

And now, what of the future of the work of the Lutheran Church in Japan? The question of some form of reorganization, of our work has been discussed for a number of years and a Joint Committee has been appointed to draw up a new Constitution and By-laws to be presented to this Convention for consideration. The present Committee, on the basis of work done by the former Committee appointed for the same purpose, has done its work and will submit the results to this Convention for consideration and approval, if what has been done meets with your approval and that of the Japanese. If, however, the form proposed is not what seems suitable, let us not become discouraged but continue the work until the right form of government can be worked out.

It is difficult to know just what form of organization will be the most satisfactory, but I am sure that all of us have one common purpose, the establishment of one Japanese Lutheran Church. Let us understand that this is a difficult undertaking, but the most important work ever granted to man to undertake. The Church of Jesus Christ is a living and life giving organization. We are only agents used of God to help in His work, and the Church which we are now working to establish will be here long after every one present here to-day has passed on. Therefore, let us approach this work in a spirit of consecration and an endeavor to do the very best thing to give new life to the Lutheran Church in Japan, realizing that this Church is being established for the Japanese. The Japanese have been tried and we know that they are able to accomplish really great things.

It is no doubt true the Japanese are not doing all that they might looking towards self support, but on the other hand we sometimes become over anxious and expect too much of them. A fully autonomous, self supporting Church is the ideal, but this is something that can not be expected in the very near future. Here, too, we must not compare ourselves with others without making a fair comparison. The larger Churches in Japan that have come

the nearest to reaching this ideal have been here much longer than we, have had large forces, and by building up strong educational institutions early in their career were able to train pastors, evangelists and Bible Women almost from the very beginning of their work in this country.

Some may say that we have had work in Japan for 36 years and, therefore, should be nearer self support. This is a truth, but not an unqualified truth as we must take into consideration the fact that during one half, or more than one half of this time, our working force was so small and our equipment so poor that it was almost impossible to hope to do much even towards laying the foundations. Twenty-one years ago for the best part of a year we had exactly one missionary on the field, three ordained Japanese pastors and several evangelists. From that time there has been a gradual increase in the number of our workers until today we are not such a small body. In the earlier days we had a few consecrated workers, but they were asked to make bricks without straw. Even today we do not have the proper equipment in the line of higher educational institutions to hope for a very rapid development. It is, therefore, out of the question to try to draw comparisons. We can only take conditions as they are today, labor in faith and first try to build up a sufficient number of really self supporting congregations as a foundation for an autonomous Church. If this is our ideal, as it certainly must be, our home Church should be led to understand the situation and urged to continue their support of the Japan Church and not to begin yet to let down or consider a reduction. This is not the time for discouragement or doubts. The outlook was never brighter than it is today, our Japanese brethren have never shown as much interest in the development of a self supporting Church as at the present time and more and more a church consciousness is springing up. With an organization better adapted to our present needs, with more faith, more prayers, more work we have every reason to believe that the Head of the Church will grant us our desires.

The consideration of the proposed Constitution and By-laws is the chief business of this Convention. May the Holy Spirit guide us in all our deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. G. MILLER.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ANNUAL REPORT 1928

It is gratifying to be able to report that in spite of regrettable changes that have come during the past year, we have found it possible to carry on the work of the Seminary without serious interruption of the regular schedule. The departure on furlough of the Rev. E. T. Horn was of course in the line of normal expectation, and it did not leave any of the already established work unprovided for. But when in addition to this there came the unexpected and sudden departure of our President and Old Testament Professor, the Rev. J. P. Nielsen, the regular work of the school was at once confronted with difficulties. However, after careful consideration, it was found possible, with some slight readjustment and some extra hours of teaching, to keep up the full schedule of classes. Only one part time teacher was asked to take two hours a week extra. Otherwise the work was done by the regular faculty. Such a heavy schedule of course could not be kept up indefinitely, but it has been possible for this one year. And with the prospects of reinforcements to the faculty by the return this fall of one or both of the men now on furlough, the work should be completely restored to normal. And in addition to this it will be possible to reduce to an absolute minimum the number of hours now required of outside teachers, thus effecting some saving to our budget, and releasing funds to be applied to other needs of the school.

Here it is in order to acknowledge with gratitude on the part of the Seminary the faithful and cheerfully rendered services of Miss Martha Harder, who has given of her time and strength to provide the students with both organ and vocal instruction, a work formerly carried on by Mrs. Nielsen.

As for the students, it is a pleasure to be able to report that with the exception of one, who had barely entered school, none have fallen by the wayside during the past school year, either on account of bad health or for other reasons. The general health of the students has been very good, and a genuine interest in their studies is manifest. There has gradually developed a school spirit which seems wholesome and which augurs well for the future.

On March 27th of this year two students, Kawagiri Shinichi, and Matsuoka Kanzo, were graduated after having completed the five years' course, and are ready for appointment to work at this Convention.

The number of applicants for admission this spring was un-

usually small, but fortunately the two who were admitted to the entrance examinations proved themselves qualified, and so were admitted. These are Higashi Kikuji of Omuta and Nomura Akira of Naogata. Thus the previous number was kept up, a total of fourteen students. With one exception these are all Middle School graduates, and the one who constitutes the exception is equally well qualified. This is gratifying when we realize that but a few years ago the Middle School graduate was the exception.

Truly we have cause for great thanksgiving to God that He has guided and strengthened us, and has opened the way for the partial realization of the hope that for so many years was central in our thoughts as a Mission and a Church, namely, the development of an institution for the more adequate and thorough preparation of our young men for the ministry. This was and is one of our greatest needs, and a glance at the old records is sufficient to show that this need was keenly felt from the early years of our work in Japan.

At the same time, however, I feel that it is appropriate to call attention to the fact that our needs are not yet fully met and our ideals not yet fully realized. I have advisedly used the words partial realization. There are still important matters that call for serious attention. And that we may have them more clearly before us I propose to record here some of the outstanding ones as I see them.

First, in the line of equipment. Our present plant is so far superior to what we have had in the past that we are in danger of forgetting that we have as yet only the first unit of our school buildings, namely, a dormitory. For the present, because of the small number of students, we have been able to use the one building for all purposes. But a very slight increase in the number of students would crowd the space that is available for students' rooms after deducting for class-rooms, office, etc. It is highly desirable that we soon begin to take steps toward the securing of our administration building, leaving the present building for dormitory use alone. The importance of this move is increased by two other considerations, namely, the need of more adequate and safe library quarters, and the need of a more suitable chapel. Our gradually growing library is one of our greatest assets, but the danger of fire in an inflammable building that is put to such miscellaneous uses is too great to make us feel at ease in this matter. Of course insurance is a help, but it does not restore a library once burned. As for the chapel, it hardly needs to be stated to those familiar with our present arrangement, that there is nothing churchly or

inspiring about the place itself. It serves not only as chapel, but as music practice room, and passage way to the library. One cannot but feel that a real chapel would provide a worshipful atmosphere that would have a good effect, not only in the life of the Seminary, but also indirectly in the churches to which its graduates go out. All of these needs could be adequately met by the erection of one moderately sized administration building.

In the line of equipment too, there should be mentioned the matter of additional land. With only our present lot it would crowd our space to put up such a building as we need, even by sacrificing our one tennis court and depriving the students of this much needed exercise and recreation. One might say that we ought not to attempt to build until additional land has been secured. If we think of the future, and even the not too distant future, this matter should have careful consideration, and, if at all possible, prompt action as well.

Now with reference to the more spiritual needs. Chief among these is the need of a church in the vicinity of the Seminary. This seems to me to be urgent for several reasons. Such a church in the hands of an experienced and discreet pastor, and one whose intellectual attainments would at the same time command respect, would first of all constitute a real church home for the Seminary community. Then too it would serve as an evangelizing agency in a new and rapidly-developing suburb of the City of Tokyo, and should, because of the generally enlightened class of people near at hand, produce good results, and add much to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ. And last but not least, it would serve a most useful purpose in the line of student religious activities, not only by giving the students opportunities for work directed toward definitely constructive and lasting ends, but also by giving them the advantage of the inspiration and help such as come from intimate association with a man of ripe experience in the ministry of the Gospel, and one who at the same time is continuously and actively in pastoral work. Such a man should be carefully chosen with reference to the needs of the situation, but having been chosen he can come with the consciousness that he has a high and important office to fulfil.

Now another matter of prime importance. A Seminary, however well manned and adequately equipped, does not exist for its own sake. Its purpose is to train men for the larger ministry of the Church. But the Seminary does not ordinarily act as a recruiting agency. It looks to the Church to provide students for

training. This does not mean that it will not co-operate with the Church in this work. If there is any way in which the faculty can help to interest prospective students by a presentation of the work and aims of the Seminary, we should be only too glad to receive suggestions from pastors or others as to how we can be of service. But as I said before, normally the Seminary looks to the churches and schools to provide its students.

The concrete situation is this. This year we graduated two students and admitted two so that we just held our own. And we are indeed grateful for the two who are now ready for service. But I do not believe that with two graduates a year the Lutheran Church in Japan can do its part in evangelizing the tens of millions of people in this great Empire. Next year we expect to have the very unusual number of four graduates. Even if we are only to hold our own we must have at least four new students to take their places next spring. Whether these new recruits will be forth-coming is a question that the churches must answer.

The matter of students for the ministry is an important one too for this reason, that it in no way depends upon the continuation of the missionary enterprise as such. And it is not simply a matter of providing enough men to fill such vacancies as may occur from time to time. The supposition should rather be that the more independent the Church may become as time goes on, the greater will become the need for more ministers. Otherwise the Church will not be meeting its God-given obligations.

One more matter and I shall have finished. In thinking of the future of the Seminary, it has occurred to me that even if all necessary equipment shall have been provided by the Mission, the annual budget will continue indefinitely, and must ultimately be borne by the Japanese Church alone. At present the annual budget amounts to about ¥25,000., not including salaries of missionary members of the faculty. For the past two years the Reformation Day offerings from the churches have amounted to only about ¥25. per year, that is one-tenth of one per cent of the annual budget. Besides this there have been no gifts from Japanese sources, so far as I know. I should like to offer the suggestion that from now on the Japanese Church begin to assume some definite proportion of this expense, say one per cent the first year, both as a first step toward eventually assuming responsibility for the whole amount, and at the same time, as a practical means of enlisting the interest of the churches in the Seminary as the Church's central and absolutely indispensable institution. Other

schools may eventually become self-supporting in case of necessity or if thought advisable, but the Seminary in the nature of the case must always be directly dependent upon the Church.

Now I have purposely refrained from putting any of these matters in the form of recommendations, but may I express the hope that this statement may not go unheeded, and that even at this Convention at least some of the suggestions may receive favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. LINN,
Acting President.

REPORT OF KYUSHU GAKUIN

The past year has not brought any special changes at Kyushu Gakuin, but it has been a normal year and we believe good work has been done.

We have missed Rev. Schillinger in the work but have been most thankful for the valuable assistance Rev. Bach has been giving us during the whole of the past year to help out while Rev. Schillinger is on furlough.

We are sorry to report the deaths of one of our teachers. Mr. Uchimura, a member of Kyushu Gakuin Church, and that of one of our former teachers, Mr. M. Takahashi who was also an evangelist of our Church a number of years ago.

Dr. Toyama has improved in health a good deal since our last convention, but has not been entirely restored to his former strength. However, since last fall he has been able to come to the school a good deal of the time and direct the work of the institution. Thus far he has not done any travelling and, therefore, will not be present at this Convention.

In March at the time of our closing exercises there were 107 graduates. In April when we admitted the new class, students were selected largely on the basis of their work in the Primary Schools according to the new ruling of the Educational Department. According to this new rule, entrance examinations are not permitted in Middle Schools whether government or private. What the results of this system will be can not yet be predicted,

tho there seems to be a great deal of dissatisfaction. Whether, because of this new method of selecting students, or for some other reason, it is difficult to say, but this year we received more applications for entrance than we have at any time during the past three years. There were 320 applicants. Of this number 150 were admitted which gives us a total enrolment of about 693 at the present time.

On April 21st at a special gathering each one of these new students was presented with a copy of the New Testament with Psalms, a gift from "Lutheran Boys and Girls."

The religious work of the institution has been carried on in about the same way as during the previous year. The daily chapel services are most helpful, Bible instruction for all classes continues as also the dormitory services and other services and classes. Several times during the year very helpful special evangelistic services were held for the student body. For these services we were glad to have Revs. Hepner and Okuma of our Church and Dr. Ebina and Col. Yamamuro. The last service was interesting because of the fact that the girls from our Jo Gakuin came to hear Col. Yamamuro. This almost filled the Brown Memorial with our own boys and girls and was an inspiring sight.

During the year there were 47 baptisms in Kyushu Gakuin Church. Of this number forty were Kyushu Gakuin students, three students from other schools, one Kyushu Gakuin Teacher and his wife, the school gate-keeper and the school carpenter. The total congregational receipts for the year 1927 amounted to Yen 892.

The women of the congregation are quite active too. They have a Women's Society with monthly meetings. There are about 18 members and during the year they gave Yen 220 to the Ji Ai En for the building fund of the Infirmary, and about Yen 100 additional for other charitable purposes.

Christmas has always been observed at Kyushu Gakuin with a special service for the whole student body. In this way the Christmas message reaches all the students and teachers. This year for the first time we had a second Christmas service for the members of the Sunday School that is conducted every Sunday morning in the church for the children of the neighborhood. This Sunday School has an average attendance of about 64 and is conducted by a few of our teachers. For the Christmas service many others came in response to special notices sent out. There were about 500 in attendance at this service and all received a real Christmas message.

I have included these few items in regard to the activities of the Church as there is no provision for any other report in regard to the Kyushu Gakuin congregation.

Asking for your continued prayers and interest in all the activities of this institution,

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. G. MILLER.

REPORT OF JANICE JAMES SCHOOL

(Kyushu Jogakuin) 1928

It is hard to look back over the past year just when we are facing the new year's work with its problems as well as privileges and are trying with all our resources to meet its needs, but even a hurried review of it calls forth gratitude and thanksgiving. Blessings on every side have been the rule and make a few untoward events seem to stand out by contrast until we look more closely to find even in these God's mercy. For instance we are thankful that we were spared more serious losses when a typhoon struck our province so hard on Sept. 13th. Death robbed us of one of our best teachers last fall but her beautiful Christian funeral was greatly blessed to our girls and her influence still lives in the school.

We count the fine spirit of our faculty one of our greatest blessings. All seem to be thoroughly capable and in earnest. All but two are licensed. During the year three have been baptized. Two of these are men who have been with us since the opening of school. They received baptism with their families on Easter Sunday. This means that all but one of our fifteen teachers are Christian, and they are now taking turns leading in the morning worship and song service period. We look forward with pleasure to welcoming Miss Martha Harder to our midst in September.

Our student body numbers one hundred-fifty-two with the entrance of the third class. Of our first class of seventy we have sixty-two girls still with us—two having dropped out on account of sickness, one on account of failure to be promoted, the other six on account of family circumstances. We have lost only two from our second class. In our new class we have forty-three. We were

disappointed again but we believe that there is no real cause for discouragement. We must remember that we are still building our reputation and should be patient while the public waits to see the first fruits of our school—our first graduates. We believe that public recognition is growing and the loyalty of our parents to the school is beginning to tell.

Government recognition has not yet been secured but our application has been duly considered and we await the visit of the special high inspector from the Education Department, hoping that recognition is not far off.

The dormitory reputation continues to be fine and the results of the home atmosphere and well-ordered life there are quite evident in the growth of the girls. We regret very much that the second unit of the dormitory could not be granted to us this spring as it has been necessary to overcrowd. The capacity of the present unit is twenty-one whereas twenty-five are occupying it—infirmarium and small prayer room being used as ordinary room. Five other girls are rooming in our house. A new dormitory before the opening of a new year is imperative.

Our girls have been waiting impatiently for two years for a "kisho" (school emblem) while many attempts to work out a satisfactory one have been made. There was great rejoicing when we announced ten days ago that they were ready. The emblem adopted is a modification of Luther's coat of arms, being triangular in shape with a white rose on a red background. It is emblematic of our goal—the complete or abundant life for each girl, which means full development of body, mind and spirit. This can only be accomplished with Christ as the centre. With Christ as centre, life flowers into a personality of purity and beauty and gives itself in loving service. The white rose of course represents the ideal of purity and the red background love and sacrificial service.

I asked Miss Potts to write the report of the religious work of the school and she has written as follows.

"There was a phrase used by a Japanese friend of mine concerning the atmosphere of a Christian school in Tokyo that I felt should describe the atmosphere of every Christian school. That word was 'fragrance.' This friend was not a Christian when she entered the school, but the fragrance of its atmosphere, she said, made her long for the thing that could create this fragrance. This fragrance does, we hope, and may always, we pray, describe the atmosphere of our own school, with its source in Christ. Aside from the personalities and influence of the teachers whose impor-

tance can hardly be over-estimated, this atmosphere depends, of course upon the religious activities of the school. Our daily period of worship in surroundings of quiet and beautiful simplicity, and the two hours weekly of regular class-room instruction in the Bible aim to bring the girls into vital contact with Christ. Our girls in Sunday School reveal a steady growth in earnestness and reverence. Over half our girls are enrolled in Sunday School and more than one third attend regularly. Our very best girls, in scholarship and character, are among these. The pastor's special class for preparation for baptism, now comprising forty-two, has also drawn many of our finest girls. Every one of the dormitory girls except those who entered in the new year beginning in April is in this class. Five from the class have received baptism or confirmation during the year—four in our Church and one in the Nihonkiristokyowai (Presbyterian) Church. Not least among the religious influences of the school is our Sunday evening dormitory service. More and more the girls are themselves taking part and contributing to the helpfulness and inspiration of these simple services. There is about them always a quiet and beautiful reverence not superficial but genuinely sincere. We cannot but believe that these girls are ever coming closer to the source of beauty and holiness. We hope in the near future to organize a Christian association where those who have already caught something of the Spirit of Christ may cultivate it to a richer and fuller perfection and learn how to pass it on to others."

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA B. AKARD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Your committee on higher education wishes to report that no further concerted study has been made of the questions pertaining to the provision of higher educational facilities for the graduates of our own and other schools of high school grade. We wish however to reiterate our convictions as expressed in our report last year:

1st. That some higher courses of study are imperative if our

Church is to be able to contribute its share to the building up of the Kingdom in Japan.

2nd. That such courses should be linked up with our two high schools, Kyushu Gakuin and Janice James School.

3rd. That more earnest prayer on the part of our Church in Japan and America for guidance in the development of definite plans for the establishment of such courses or institutions, is our primary need.

We offer the following resolution:

That the Foreign Mission Board be requested to authorize us to formulate definite plans for the establishment of such courses or institutions, and to build up public interest and confidence in the realization of such plans within a reasonable time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Murakami, L. S. G. Miller, C. W. Hepner, Martha B. Akard, Hajime Inadomi, I. Miura.

TOKYO RELIEF WORK

1. OLD PEOPLE'S HOME--Tokyo

There were no exceptional changes during 1927. The same matron continues, and the old people themselves continue to do what work they can to maintain the family life. Among those who are active in the work of the Home, there are some with exceptional records. Slightly more than half of the present inmates have received baptism, others are favorably inclined and gladly hear the Gospel, while none oppose it. But declining mental faculties make it difficult for some to comprehend the Gospel message. The faith of some is characterized by a highly gratifying degree of joy. One man who is the only one of his family of seven to survive when his house fell, recently remarked that had he found Christ when he was a young man, he would have given his life in service for Him. His present devotion makes one think that he might have done so.

At the beginning of 1927, there were 41 persons in the home. 11 of these who were being temporarily accommodated by the

Home, for the yokufukwai, a city charity organization, were, in March, moved to the City's new home. 5 persons—3 men and 2 women—died during the year; and one person found a home elsewhere. Three new inmates were admitted. Thus at the end of the year, the family consisted of 27 persons. Harmony and happiness prevail.

The finance was as follows:

INCOME:

City support of inmates	¥698.00
From Tokyo City	50.00
From Tokyo Prefecture	50.00
Arai Sunday School	5.00
Ebara Sunday School	5.00
Sale of Hot Water Bottles	13.00
Refund on Organ	40.00
From Mission Treasurer	3,510.76

EXPENDITURES:

Deficit from 1926	¥	.90
Food Articles		2,389.57
Clothing		85.29
Medicines & Doctor		91.29
Fuel & Light		417.83
Repairs & Equipment		214.74
Salaries		825.00
Travel		42.57
Insurance, Tax, Sundries		304.57
		4371.76 4,371.76

A Sunday School for the children in the community is held every Sunday morning. The number of attendants is about 30, but this can be increased, if a room according to present plans, is erected at a cost of ¥420, or less, if the material of the room added to the Tokyo parsonage for additional space for church meetings, is used when this room is removed after the completion of the Tokyo church, this month.

But here we meet a question which should receive attention at this meeting, viz., considering that this Home was called into existence to meet a temporary need, do we propose to continue it? If so, the addition of this room would be wise. If not, it may be a question. There is as much need for this Old People's Home now as there was at the time immediately following the disaster. The

only question is, considering the Ji Ai En work, how much work of this kind is our Mission justified in doing? It should be stated that from five government and municipal organizations, we have received ¥1,400 toward running expenses for this and Bethany Home, during 1928. This amount is likely to increase from year to year.

Both your missionary, and pastor, in Tokyo, recommend the continuance of the Home, and consequently the addition of the above-mentioned room for S.S. purposes.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. STIREWALT.

2. BETHANY HOME—Tokyo

There has been no marked change in this Home during 1927. The City has been delayed in the execution of its reconstruction plans, and consequently, the Home has not yet been moved; but will in all probability be moved within the next few weeks. In regard to this, there are perplexing problems which baffle our ingenuity when we try to locate our three large buildings on the new ground allocated us. It could be easily done, were it not for a 9 foot alley which divides our ground. The city has appropriated over ¥4,800 toward our moving expenses. This will perhaps more than cover the needs.

Sunday morning services with an average of 20 in attendance, and Thursday night meetings with all the adults of the Home in attendance continue. The Sunday School has one hundred children enrolled. The Day Nursery cared for 16 children during the year—an average of 12. The Kindergarten had an attendance of 73, the highest number at any one time being 58. Only about 10 of these are from the Home. 24 children graduated in March. In order that these and former graduates may be held in touch with Christian teachings and influence, Mrs. Stirewalt gives one afternoon each week, to work in their behalf. The English Night School, with an attendance of 24, is conducted by Mrs. Taki, Mrs. Stirewalt and myself. We find in this district, Buddhism at its strongest. Most of the people have little education, and are either held by the old teachings, or by socialism. We are trying to get an opening by thus coming in contact with such young people, 3

nights a week. Every Monday night, we explain the Bible. A Sewing School at which useful garments are made, was begun during the year, by Mrs. Stirewalt, for those in the Home and in the community. This is also one way of making friendship with people who would otherwise maintain the attitude of strangers.

We sadly need a Japanese pastor for the community, but it is a difficult place, and special qualifications are needed. Just recently, a friend told me that during the 17 years of his pastoral experience in Honjo, he has found the past year least encouraging. But the need exists.

During the year, 43 families were accommodated, 2 mothers and 3 children died. At the close of 1927, the Home had in it, 35 widows and their 63 children.

Unlike in the Old People's Home, there are many things that are not harmonious. There are economic problems, moral problems, educational problems, health problems, etc., which are difficult of solution. The institution is in the slums of Tokyo, and while the neighborhood is difficult to influence, we are sure those in the Home have a better and richer life, since coming under Christian influence. Some have received baptism, others are preparing for it.

The following statement is a report of the finance:

INCOME:

From Inmates for Rent, Light,	
Water	¥ 876.00
From Kindergarten Tuition	590.80
From Day Nursery	40.26
Refund on Medical Bills	17.15
From Tokyo City	50.00
From Tokyo Prefecture	50.00
From Keifukwai (City Charity Or-	
gan.)	1,000.00
From Mission Treasurer	3,788.74

EXPENDITURES:

Deficit from 1926	15.43
Salaries	2,945.00
Land Rent	1,219.44
Insurance	450.00
Repairs	289.12
Kindergarten Materials	107.23
Medicines	65.35

Help to Needy Persons	85.69	
Equipment	31.64	
Travel	27.98	
Water Tax	71.95	
Light	295.32	
Fuel	76.05	
Literature	88.45	
Sundries	95.46	
	6,412.95	5,864.11
Dec. 31, 1927, Balance in Hand		548.84
	6,412.95	6,412.95

As in case of the Old People's Home, the question of continuing the work, should be technically faced, for our five year's promise extends only to the Autumn of 1929. There is abundant need for the Home, and constantly applicants have to be denied, because of limited capacity. It would be difficult to imagine where most of the inmates would be, and sad indeed to think of their plight, did Bethany Home not exist. Both your missionary, and pastor, recommend its continuance.

SUMMARY OF TOKYO RELIEF WORK EXPENSES

Received from Mission Treasurer ..	7,299.50	
Received from Other Sources	3,485.21	
Total Expenses of both Homes		10,235.87
	10,784.71	10,235.87
Dec. 31, 1927, Balance in Hand		548.84
	10,784.71	10,784.71

Fraternally submitted.

A. J. STIREWALT

COLONY OF MERCY

The extraordinary event of this report being completed and blue-ribboned like a commencement essay is no sign that we've started life anew with resolutions to get things done on time, nor

is it a sign of there being less work to do at the Colony of Mercy, but rather an official announcement that we have a place to lay the first sheet of the report down now while the second is being typed with an assurance that "firstly" is not being used for a kite before "secondly" is completed. Our appreciation of this long waited for privilege causes us to make this the first item of the report, viz:—The Ji-Ai-En missionaries no longer have to live with the babies, T. B. patients, old people, and rescued girls, but now have a "Baby Mansion" all by themselves. It was completed on December the 24th, at five o'clock and moved into ten minutes later. The best way there is to prove to you its comforts and our appreciation of them is to have you come and test the house for yourselves—so please do so at your earliest convenience.

The new children's home provided for in last year's budget was completed in February and moved into immediately. The number of daily visitors who have come to see and to copy the plans of the house has forced it to be classed as a "model" modern house. A gift of ¥2,500.00 was received from the Keifuku Kwai, and the annual gift from the government was raised from four hundred to five hundred this year. With this we are building the first unit of our twin baby house. The Board kindly sent us all the money that was collected for the missionaries' residence. With this balance we have been able to put waterworks into the Infirmary, and new children's home, pay a ¥11,600.00 debt on the fence, pay 300 of the ¥500.00 storm repairs—¥200.00 of the loss was paid by the Japanese churches,—and put in some very necessary equipment and repairs about the institution. The storm seemed to think our garage out of keeping with the rest of its surroundings so it lifted over the fence into our neighbor's field. From that it was lowered to the rank of a cow-stall and then to a chicken-shed, but now it has been moved to the Old People's department and built into a very comfortable temporary apartment for the old people's caretaker.

The institution has been suffering with something that might be termed mere "growing pains" during the past year. The opening of the 15th. Bank alleviated the pain to an extent but still we find it terribly hard to stay within our budget. In a work like this where all the skeleton closets are opened for inspection one finds righteous reasons for being covetous of others millions. Only yesterday in our own village we found a sixteen month old baby who could not sit alone simply because he had not had sufficient food to give him strength to sit up. The father of the home is a secretary in the normal school—there he is known as a teach-

er in ordinary circumstances who has been unfortunate in having to assume the support of another man's children, one of whom is sick rather than starved. His own son is fifth year at Kyushu Gakkuin. There, the boy, altho terribly emaciated, because he is a teacher's son his undernourished condition is, no doubt, attributed to some physical disturbance which is appearing in soars all over his head. But the Ji-Ai-En is forced to listen to the sad story that they are trying to feed their family on less than four yen each per month. There is scarcely a day passes that we do not have to listen to some appeal for help: appeals ranging from paying people's debts to giving them medicine to commit suicide, appeals to take in pathetically afflicted people, widowed women with their whole families, and the never ceasing appeal for the illegitimate child. The latter appeals have become so frequent that they are known now as the "jitsu wa" cases, since they are, almost without exception, introduced with "The truth of the matter is there is an embarrassing situation at our house." This abhorrent disgrace, however, seems to be no respecter of rank: on our files there is the name of a doctor, a prefectural official, two teachers, two post-office men, a policeman, and on down literally to the woman who had four husbands and the one she now lives with is not her husband. When one thinks of the parents of these it is not often so hard to say "we cannot help you," but when time after time we watch the fate of the unfortunate babies we wish that we might go beyond our limited budget. The Japanese usually seem to agree with James and the Christian church that pure religion is to "visit the fatherless and widows," but there seems to be as little inclination here as at home to go with Christ in saying, "Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more." Consequently, the innocent child is gotten rid of at any cost.

A one week old baby was taken in the last of September. No other children have been taken in for the reason that all of our applications since the opening of the new children's home have been for very small children, and with our present force and equipment we could not handle any more babies. Three children went out as their mother, Kuwa San, left the institution. A fifteen year old boy, Okada Tadao, was taken in and given a room in the old people's home in an attempt to save him from the beggar's life which he has followed since a tiny child.

Last June Mrs. Kinoshita of Fukuoka was engaged as a children's caretaker for three months or longer. She is still with us doing efficient work. Mrs. Shimizu, of the Saga church, kindly left her family to take care of themselves and took charge of the in-

firmary during our vacation. Kawakami San, also of the Saga church, supplied for us during the summer and then was employed as a regular worker from November. In December we finally succeeded in securing a graduate Christian nurse to take charge of the infirmary. From January Hanako San was changed to half time in the Ji-Ai-En, giving the other half of her time to work in the flooded districts and to the general church work. With four full time workers and two half-time, and two new houses opened we were just preparing for real work when our force was suddenly depleted to half by Mrs. Hatanaka taking pneumonia again, Kido San going off to training school, and Kawakami San going down with a very severe case of jaundice. We are still running—I should say creeping along with half working force.

I'm sorry that each year's report reads like the book of Job, but take consolation in the fact that, according to general custom, I, too, am not going to report the worst things that we do. For instance if I should report all the ups and downs, the quarrels and mistakes of the Old People's department you might vote to close that work at once. We were unfortunate enough to have what was dubbed by the other inmates as an "uso no senrei" (lie-baptism) which caused quite an upheaval. We have tested three caretakers with the same unsatisfactory results. From the tenth of this month Mrs. Hatanaka is being shifted to this department, and, while we cannot promise you to do better next year, we ourselves hope to come a little nearer our ideal for the work.

With the completion of the two new houses the Rescue Home was vacated, and one fallen girl with her two children taken in. This department of the work is ready to be re-opened except for the gigantic task of finding an appropriate woman to take charge of the work. We would close this report with the request that you pray with us that a really consecrated Christian mother may be found to take charge of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUD POWLAS

RETERU REPORT

The "Ruteru" has been regularly published during the past year with the additional feature of Scripture references, and leading thots for devotion.

There is a growing consciousness that the "Ruteru" is indeed our own Church Organ, and consequently a wider use as well as a growing interest is noted with gratitude.

We should encourage even a larger distribution of this paper as an Evangelistic Tract.

Hoping that the "Ruteru" may, in an increasing measure, serve the interests of our Japanese Lutheran Church, and that we may not only read it, but also contribute to it.

Yours respectfully,

C. W. HEPNER, Editor.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

On account of reasons of health, the Chairman of the Joint Literature Committee, elected at the last Convention Rev. J. P. Nielsen was forced to return to America last July. Consequently the Literature Committee was left without a chairman until about the last of October when the Rev. C. W. Hepner was elected in his stead.

Each member of your Committee pledged himself to make every effort to complete his assigned piece of work by the time of the general Convention in May.

Sickness and various unavoidable circumstances prevented the second contemplated Committee meeting. Hence no publications have been made during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Hepner, Chrm., D. G. M. Bach, S. Okuma, S. Takashima

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S LITERATURE COMMITTEE

The Woman's Committee, after its appointment by the Nen-kwai in May 1927, had a meeting at once in Kurume and made the following plans:

1. That we would undertake to supply the Fujinkwai of our Lutheran Church in Japan with simple program material for the

monthly meetings during the following year, and

2. That we would work toward a Convention of Lutheran Women in 1928.

A page in Ruteru to be known as Woman's Page was asked for and granted and Mrs. Inadomi was elected editor of that page. We have issued two small packets of program helps for the year, and from all reports we gather that this material has been used with a degree of success that is encouraging.

At a meeting of the committee in September of last year, in discussing plans for a woman's convention it was decided to ask the Joint Executive Committee to grant a sum sufficient to cover the expenses of travel of one delegate and the Pastor's wife from each Fujinkwai to the first general convention. An amount was granted, half to be taken from the men's budget, and half from the Woman's Work budget.

At another meeting of the committee in January definite plans for the convention were made and notices were sent out asking the co-operation of all the women of our Japan Lutheran Church. Dates were set and a call to prayer in behalf of the forthcoming convention was issued to each society.

It was in a spirit of earnestness, half fearful yet wholly depending upon God for guidance and strength, that a group of thirty-five women, representing, with only 3 exceptions, every Lutheran church in Japan, came together in Kumamoto on April 17th, 1928 for the first Women's Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan. In addition to these there were many women from the two local societies, so that at the first meeting some sixty or seventy women were gathered. Mrs. Yonemura presided at that meeting, and the Convention sermon was preached by Rev. H. Inadomi. On the following day the business sessions were presided over by Mrs. Inadomi, and there was marked interest and enthusiasm on the part of all present.

An organization was effected and the following officers were chosen: President, Mrs. Yonemura; Vice Pres. Mrs. Honda; Secretary, Mrs. Nagao of Kyoto; Treasurer, Miss Kondo of Fukuoka. A Literature Committee, to continue the preparation of helpful program material, was elected as follows: Mrs. Inadomi, Mrs. Ishimatsu, Miss Potts, and Mrs. Norman.

The closing session of the convention was in the nature of a consecration service on the evening of the 18th, led by Miss Akard. The Convention theme was "The Master is come and calleth for thee," and this was used as the subject of the talk at this meeting,

as well as for the text of the Convention sermon on the opening evening.

It is with a deep sense of thanksgiving to God that we report this the beginning of united effort on the part of our Lutheran women of Japan, and with high hopes, that this convention may mean much in the further development of our women and in inspiration to greater service for the Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. E. NORMAN, Chairman.

WOMEN'S WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

WORKERS—JAPANESE AND MISSIONARIES

After careful consideration of the needs of the Ji-Ai-En work and of the city church work in Kumamoto, it was decided to ask Nonaka-San to divide her time between these two, half of her salary to be paid by the Ji-Ai-En, and half from the Women's Evangelistic budget. This she has been doing since January of this year with apparent satisfaction on every side. We are especially gratified at the apparent success of the Sunday School and Women's work she is doing in Oshima, and Namitate (in the Tidal Wave Area) in cooperation with our two city Lutheran Fujinkai. This is a direct outgrowth of the relief work initiated and carried on by the Powlas sisters at the time of the disaster. The work at Namitate is done under the sky, or on the barrack door steps, as yet, but due to the liberality of Tsuji-San (the contractor) we have a barrack meeting place at Oshima with a thriving Sunday School and occasionally meetings for women. The Christmas story was told and the Christmas spirit demonstrated in both these places. In Oshima our barrack was crowded to capacity, and at Namitate the sheltered nakaniwa (inner garden or court) of a large neighboring farmhouse was well filled. Some of the people in these places have told Nonaka-San that of course the Christians of our Kumamoto Church have been very kind to them, but that they are keen enough to know that it is all in order to win them to Christianity. Nonaka-San tells them that this is quite true because the chief thing we have to give them is not warm clothes or food but the gospel of God's love. We pray that this undertaking may be fully blessed, and bring forth much fruit in the lives of these

stricken people, that having lost all, they may find more than all in Christ.

We regret very much as does Kakehi Misao San herself, that family circumstances have made it necessary for her to drop her work in Hakata, and return to her home in Tokyo.

Kameyama Hideko San, who had been working very earnestly as a woman evangelist with Rev. Thorlaksson for some time, entered Lambuth Bible Training School for one year of training.

Kido Sadako San, who has completed most satisfactorily her year of probation in the work of the Kumamoto Church and in the Ji-Ai-En, was also sent to Lambuth Bible Training School in April for the regular course.

Sakai Matsue San, who was recommended by Miss Lippard as having served satisfactorily her probation period in Ogi Kindergarten, was also accepted as a beneficiary student and entered Lambuth Kindergarten Training School in April.

We pray that these three promising young women may be richly blessed during their period of training, growing in earnestness and consecration, to come back to the work as great powers for good.

Miss Shirk will be warmly welcomed when she returns to her work in Hakata, immediately after the Johnstown Convention. An expression of gratitude is due to Rev. and Mrs. Norman and Rev. and Mrs. Thorlaksson for the large amount of time they have devoted to the Hakata and Kurume kindergartens during the absence of Miss Shirk. And we thank Rev. and Mrs. Winther in advance for taking responsibility of the Kurume kindergarten until her return.

We rejoice to hear that Miss Grace Beers and Miss Martha Harder are about to complete their two years language course and will be with us in the work from September. May their terms of service be long, joyous, and fruitful.

We wish to extend a special welcome to Miss Helene Harder and Miss Mary Heltibridle, as they join our group for the first time and assure them that these first years of language study are not the best in store for them.

We await with peculiar pleasure the arrival of our second missionary daughter in the fall of this year, Miss Maya Winther.

General.

Our committee wishes to express thanksgiving for the organization for the Japan Lutheran Church Fujinkai Taikwai. We feel

that this means a long step forward in our work as a whole as well as great blessing to the local churches, and we pray that His spirit may continue to guide in the development of the work.

Expansion.

As we review the personnel and resources of our women's work in Japan we seem to see dawn of a new day. The day seems close at hand when we shall be able in very much larger measure to take advantage of the many opportunities open to us to serve, —to give the message of the Kingdom. The financial stress of our women's work at home, we hope and pray may be temporary, and that increasing needs may be met by increasing zeal and determination to obey in love the command of Him Who gave His life, that we might have Him. We pledge special intercession for our Boards which have heavy care and anxiety at such a time.

The repeated, or shall I say continuous appeal from our Japanese co-workers for women missionaries in their respective fields for evangelistic and kindergarten work is a challenge to us to extend our work. Some resolutions, and the adoption of a definite policy of expansion seems to us to be in order.

IN AS MUCH as we shall have three additions to our missionary force within two years besides the two missionaries about ready for appointment now, as well as several new Japanese workers, and

In as much as heretofore our women's work has been confined to Kyushu, although the need for workers on the main island especially in our older stations such as Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Kyoto, Kobe, and so forth is equally great and

In as much as such churches as the one just built in Tokyo and the one planned for the Osaka work offer facilities for kindergarten work as well as for various other kinds of activities for women, young people, and children, without additional expense for buildings unless for missionaries residences

We therefore recommend:

1. That definite plans for the establishment of women's work in one or more, if possible, of our stations on the main island, within the next two years be made, and that such plans be submitted for approval to the Women's Missionary Society.

2. That because of the scarcity of missionary workers those stationed in Kyushu make an effort to include in their fields of work as many outlying districts or stations as possible, engaging more Ja-

panese workers, and doing rather more extensive work than intensive, as at present.

Financial

The rule for beneficiary student support has been changed and the following has been adopted:

Beneficiary students in Bible and Kindergarten Training Schools shall be granted from our fund for beneficiary education tuition, board, organ lessons, and will be required to pay their own travelling expenses, "kozukai," and books. And that this rule shall be effective from this year.

MARTHA B. AKARD, Chr'm.

JOINT EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE REPORT ANNUAL MEETING

1. The Committee held an organization meeting at the close of the convention last year, Mr. Inadomi being elected chairman, and Mr. Bach treasurer.

2. Two meetings have been held during the year at Kumamoto to arrange for special evangelistic work. The fall special meetings in October and November were very successful. 65 meetings were held, which were attended by some 3500 people. 130 became enquirers, and quite a number of baptisms are expected as a result of these meetings.

3. Your committee wishes to express its great satisfaction at the growing consciousness of selfsupport, shown by an annual increase for the last three or four years of ¥1,000 paid on the pastors' salaries.

4. We feel that the time is ripe for greater efforts in evangelism and hope that the church will make still greater plans and put forth greater efforts to win souls for the Lord.

Paid on pastors' salaries in

1920	¥	134.50
1921		412.00
1922		1,351.75
1923		2,148.13
1924		2,517.11

1925	2,873.50
1926	3,912.62
1927	4,725.06

Financial Statement

Balance from 1926	¥	33.88	
From Treasurer		1,500.00	
Easter Offering		173.22	
Spring Meetings			678.43
Aso Summer School			60.00
Fall Meetings			660.52
In 15th Bank			204.67
Total			1,603.62
Balance Dec.			103.48
		1,707.10	1,707.10

Respectfully submitted,

H. Inadomi, Chr'm., D. G. M. Bach, Treas., S. O. Thorlaksson,
R. Ishimatsu.

REPORT OF THE FUKUOKA SHINSEI-KWAN (NEWSPAPER AND CORRESPONDENCE EVANGELISM OFFICE)

There has been no change during the year in the office staff, or policy and efforts of the Fukuoka Shinsei Kwan.

Results may be tabulated as follows:

No. of newspaper articles and offers of tracts	35
No. of persons applying for tracts	3,101
No. of persons joining the reading club	599
No. of baptisms reported	32
No. of books lent to members of the club	3,911
No. of copies of "Shinsei" published	37,500
Amount of sales of Bibles, hymnals, books	¥ 178

In addition there were sent out thousands of letters. These urged inquirers to continue to study the teachings of Christ by means of our book club or under the leading of pastors, answered

questions concerning religious and other problems, encouraged the doubting and comforted the sick.

Recently the pastor at Saga has baptized four of our earnest inquirers who live at distances from Saga. Three of whom being confined to bed would probably not have come into contact with Christian teachings unless thru some agency like the Shinsei Kwan. Of the above number of baptisms, 11 were reported as having been administered by Lutheran pastors.

The running expenses for rent, advertising, salaries, postage, stationary, tracts, "Shinsei," etc., amounted to ¥5,704.18. At the end of March there was in hand ¥3,653.17, to which must be added the Mission appropriation of ¥1,800.00, a total of ¥5,453.17, being available for the year, April, 1928—March, 1929. Last year our Mission appropriated ¥1,950.00 and ¥454.71 came in from other Lutheran sources, an increase of ¥325 over the year before. The funds from Reformed Church sources amounted to ¥1,225.42, a decrease of ¥785. From other sources: ¥1,004.22, nearly ¥900.00 of which having been contributed by Mrs. Rowlands, wife of Rev. F. W. Rowlands (Church of England), former manager of the office, and her mother. In addition ¥139.69 came in from interest. We rejoice, therefore, that the office is in good financial condition and that it may continue its work of extensively proclaiming Salvation by Grace thru Faith in our Lord.

The Joint Committee wishes to submit again the proposed Constitution and Standing Rules, as found on pages 65-67 of the 1927 minutes, with the following changes:

1. The last word in III. Purpose "Churches" to be changed to "church organizations."

2. IV. General Oversight to read as follows: "The general oversight of the Shinsei Kwan shall be delegated to a Joint Committee of the co-operating Missions, one member to be elected annually by each Mission. This Committee may co-opt one Japanese member each from the Nihon Kirisuto Kyokai and the Ruteru Kyokai as advisory members."

3. The title of I under Standing Rules to become "Joint Committee" instead of "Committee of Directors."

4. I. 1. defining the Joint Committee to be deleted, and the numbering of 2, 3, etc., to be changed accordingly to 1, 2, etc.

5. "Or the Manager" in I. 4. (new 3) to be deleted.

6. The order in II. Manager's Duties to be changed as follows: 2 to become 1, 1 to become 2.

7. II. 5 to read "To conduct publicity for maintaining interest at the Home Base."

8. In III. 4 the word "two" to be deleted.

9. VI. Suspension and Amendment to read as follows: "These Standing Rules may be suspended by a unanimous vote of the members present or voting by mail, and may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of those present."

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. THORLAKSSON, Committee Member.

CLARENCE E. NORMAN, Manger.

REPORT OF THE ENANGELISTIC LIBRARY

This report covers the period from June, 1927 to April, 1928.

Present number of volumes	705
Books were lent	84 times
Books lent numbered	161

Books to the number of 38 were sent out twice to churches as circulating libraries and were read by 29 persons.

Books were sent out to persons in the following prefectures in which there are no Lutheran churches connected with out Mission: Hiroshima, Shimane, Tottori, Kagoshima, Niigata and Nagano.

A comparison of results since June, 1927, with results of the year before reveals a falling off of books lent. This was due to the fire of June 15, 1927, which partially destroyed the Moji Chapel and difficulties experienced since then.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed) T. TSUBOIKE
CLARENCE E. NORMAN.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

As one feature of the Committee's plan of helping with "teacher-training" the Committee assisted in conducting the Aso

Bible School in August, 1927, as sponsored by the Western Conference, thereby fulfilling a part of its purpose.

The situation of our Sunday schools, as at the end of December, 1927, was as follows:

Schools	47, not including the Seminary school.
Pupils	2,837
Teachers	192
Contribution ..¥	569.46

In consequence of the action of the 1927 Convention, in regard to the conducting of a general "Rally Day" in all the schools, the Committee met in Moji in February, 1928. The following matters were decided:

- A. The use of a banner flag for school excellence.
- B. The use of badges for good attendance.
- C. The designation of the third Sunday in September, each year, as "Sunday School Day."
- D. A tour of inspection and evangelism in all the schools.

This program, however, depends upon an increased budget, which is being requested in the regular way. The Committee requests that the matter of concrete methods be entrusted to it to formulate and carry out.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed) T. TSUBOIKE
Clarence E. NORMAN.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

The National Christian Council held its fifth Annual Conference in the new Hongo Congregational Church in October, 1927. I, your delegate, attended all the sessions. Various items of business were transacted, but mostly of a routine character. Outwardly reasonable harmony prevailed throughout the various sessions. But to those who were acquainted with the invisible part of the Council, it was not a surprise later, to hear of certain resignations. The Gen. Sec., Rev. Miyazaki, has been replaced by Rev. Ebizawa. Some others were reelected to office.

What might be considered the most striking feature of the meeting, as regards the status of Christianity in Japan, was the presence, and address, of Dr. Mizuno, the chief opponent of the religions bill which had been shelved in January, and who became Minister of Education, after the former government fell. Dr. Mizuno is not a Christian, but in his opposition to the bill, as well as in his speech before the National Christian Council, gave such evidence of his firm stand for religious liberty, that we can be at ease, as long as he continues as Minister of Education, and even longer, if he succeeds in having enacted a favorable bill on religions, which would preclude such a one as was shelved being introduced again. Dr. Mizuno stated in his speech before the Council that the present government desires to help religions, and not to curtail them. It is believed that this statement has full face value.

The Council is not free from financial difficulties, in spite of a considerable subsidy secured through Dr. Mott. The government has given considerable help in financing the Japanese delegation to the Jerusalem Conference. But even with this, the embarrassment seems to be on the ascending scale.

The existence of the Council itself is good, but the basis on which it is operated may be open to question.

Rev. Takimoto was elected to membership on the Ex.-Committee. I myself am now serving my second year on the Evangelistic Committee.

Faternally,

A. J. STIREWALT

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE JAPAN NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

One meeting of the Advisory Committee was held during the summer of 1927 in Karuizawa. The meeting was attended by representatives of about eight Missions. Various problems, methods, text-books, etc., in connection with Sunday school work were discussed. Also questions were asked and experiences were exchanged. Mr. H. E. Coleman, Japan Secretary of the World Association, gave a report of the Sunday school work and also in-

formation concerning the World Association Convention to be held in Los Angeles in July, 1928.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE E. NORMAN.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

Since our last Convention, the Constitution Revision Committee has held two meetings, viz., in Osaka Jan. 18, and in Fukuoka May 1-2, 1928. The Japanese members, however, held a meeting at Miyajima, in July, and also another one just prior to our joint meeting in Osaka. At the joint meeting in Osaka, they proposed to your members, a Constitution and Rules, to replace those now in use.

These were discussed and it was decided to accept them as a basis for further discussion. English mimeographed copies were mailed to you on April 2. The Japanese copy was formally published in pamphlet form and mailed to all members of both Chambers. We assume that these are in your hands. But at the meeting of May 1-2, further alterations were made and the proposed Constitution in its recently revised form will be presented to you, at this meeting.

Submitted.—C. W. Hepner, L. S. G. Miller, A. J. Stirewalt.

ROSTER OF PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER WORKERS

Tokyo: Tokyo Church, Rev. D. Honda, Pastor.

Mrs. C. Hayashi, Woman Evangelist.

Ebara Church, Rev. N. Iwanaga, Pastor.

Theological Seminary: Rev. S. Sato.

Rev. I. Miura.

Mr. N. Asaji.

Old People's Home: Miss C. Matsunaga, Matron.

Bethany Home: Mrs. K. Mamiya, Matron.

Kyoto: Rev. T. Yonemura, Pastor.

Nagoya: Mr. K. Hirai, Evangelist.

Osaka: Rev. K. Takimoto, Pastor.

Kobe: Rev. K. Watanabe, Pastor.

Shimonoseki: Rev. Y. Yoshida, Pastor.

Moji: Mr. Kawagiri, Evangelist.

Yawata: Rev. T. Kawase, Pastor.

Nogata: Rev. S. Takashima, Pastor.

Fukuoka: Rev. T. Chiga, Pastor.

Miss Sumi Isobe, Helper.

Miss T. Kondo, Kindergarten Teacher.

Miss Y. Shiraishi Kindergarten Teacher.

Miss S. Yamasaki Kindergarten Teacher.

Tosu: Mr. Matsuoka, Evangelist.

Kurume: C. Kishi, Evangelist.

Miss S. Sasaki, Kindergarten Teacher.

Miss C. Baba, Kindergarten Teacher.

Miss Y. Kondo, Kindergarten Teacher.

Mrs. Kameyama, Helper.

Amagi: Rev. N. Washiyama, Pastor.

Hita: S. Fukuyama, Evangelist.

Saga: Rev. H. Aoyama, Pastor.

Miss A. Inui, Woman Evangelist.

Miss U. Saito, Kindergarten Teacher.

Miss T. Tomioka, Kindergarten Teacher.

Miss M. Matsuoka, Kindergarten Teacher.

Miss F. Ide, Kindergarten Teacher.

Miss M. Hashimoto Kindergarten Teacher.

Karatsu: Rev. T. Wasa, Pastor.

Omuta: Rev. A. Muto, Pastor.

Kumamoto: Rev. R. Ishimatsu, Pastor.

Mr. S. Tominaga, Evangelist.

Dr. S. Toyama, Principal of Kyushu Gakuin.

Rev. H. Inadomi, Pastor of Kyushu Gakuin Church.

Rev. K. Kosaka, Teacher & Assistant in Religious Instruction, K. G.

Mr. J. Murakami, Head Teacher, Janice James School (Kyushu Jo Gakuin).

Mrs. N. Nonaka, Women Evangelist, and Assistant in Colony of Mercy.

Mrs. M. Hatanaka, Matron in Children's Home, Colony of Mercy.

Minamata: Rev. H. Ouchi, Pastor.

(Pastor, Ordained Minister: Evangelist, Unordained)

ROSTER OF MISSIONARIES

Rev. J. M. T. Winther, 1898, 35 2-Chome, Kushihara Machi Kurume.

Rev. C. K. Lippard D. D., 1900, On Furlough.

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, 1905, On Furlough from July.

Rev. L. S. G. Miller D. D., 1907, Kyushu Gakuin, Kumamoto.

Rev. J. P. Nielsen, 1909, On Leave.

Rev. Edward T. Horn, 1911, On Furlough. Due to Return 1928.

Rev. C. W. Hepner, 1912, On Furlough from May 14.

Miss Martha B. Akard, 1913, Kyushu Jo Gakuin, Kumamoto, Shigwai.

Rev. John K. Linn, 1915, Luth. Theol. Seminary, Nogata Machi, Tokyo Fu.

Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, 1916, 575 Ueno, Nishi Fuchi Mura, Kobe Shigwai.

Rev. D. G. M. Bach, 1916, 388 Shinyashiki, Kumamoto.

Rev. C. E. Norman, 1917, 15 Gokurakuji Cho, Fukuoka.

Miss Maud Powlas, 1918, Ji Ai En, Kengun Mura, Hotaku Gun, Kumamoto Ken.

Miss Anne Powlas, 1919, (Same).

Rev. George W. Schillinger, 1920, On Furlough. Due to Return 1928.

Rev. A. C. Knudten, 1920, On Furlough. Due to Return 1928.

Rev. L. G. Gray, 1921, On Furlough.

Miss Marion Potts, 1921, Kyushu Jo Gakuin, Kumamoto Shigwai.

Miss Helen Shirk, 1922, On Furlough. Due to Return 1928.

Rev. J. Arthur Linn, 1922, 1 Chome, Tani Machi, Moji.

Rev. F. W. Heins, 1924, Nakanohashi Koji, Saga.

Miss Faith Lippard, 1925, Ogi Machi, Saga Ken.

Miss Amy Thoren, 1925, (Same).

Miss Grace Beers, 1926, 487 Asagaya, Tokyo Fu.

Miss Martha Harder, 1926, Kyūshū Jo Gakuin, Kumamoto Shigwai.

Miss Helene Harder, 1927, 487 Asagaya, Tokyo Fu. (Language Student).

Miss Marry Heltibridle, 1927, (Same).

Miss Maya Winther, To Arrive in August 1928.

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For 1928-1929.

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DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Rev. J. K. Linn.	Rev. K. Takimoto.
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STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1927

	Japanese Resident Workers	Preaching Places Other than Church	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Confirmed	Admitted by Letter	Loss by Letter	Other Loss	Loss by Death	Total Enrolled Membership	Present Communicants	Present Non-communi- cants, Non-residents	Average Sunday Morning Service	Average Sunday Evening Service	Average Attendance at Prayer Meeting	Number of Communion Services	Average Number Communed	Number of S.S.	Number of S.S. Teachers	Total on S.S. Roll	Average Attendance at S.S.	Kindergarten Teachers	Kindergarten Pupils	Average Kg. Attendance	Members Young Men's Society	Members Young Women's Society	Members of Women's Society	Amount Contributed	Amount Paid Toward Self-support
Saga, 1893.....	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	2	173	26	147	18	12	12	3	23	2	6	88	42	2	25	24	18	16	16	¥ 456	¥ 300
Ogi, 1896	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	23	11	12	16	11	2	2	14	1	7	92	52	3	43	39	—	—	0	132	18
Kumamoto, 1898	2	2	16	11	1	10	4	—	7	471	95	76	69	29	16	4	43	4	18	300	150	—	—	—	15	25	30	1,188	600
Kurume, 1901	0	0	28	15	1	8	1	—	3	282	81	201	36	27	25	10	25	1	7	124	58	3	46	43	9	—	35	348	29
Omura, 1902	1	1	1	3	0	4	3	37	2	132	35	97	5	8	4	3	11	2	3	86	54	—	—	—	—	—	15	516	120
Fukuoka, 1904	1	0	18	3	1	—	—	—	—	176	93	83	33	31	15	4	37	6	12	251	210	3	50	46	35	8	15	1,416	960
Kanezaki, 1908	0	0	1	1	0	—	—	—	—	33	9	24	—	—	—	4	9	1	1	111	70	—	—	—	—	—	0	36	12
Tokyo, 1910	2	1	16	3	1	3	—	—	—	169	74	95	48	13	14	4	54	3	11	203	—	2	56	42	15	19	16	1,909	480
Hita, 1911	1	0	5	1	1	—	—	1	—	58	13	45	3	12	7	5	10	2	3	70	45	—	—	—	10	10	0	511	36
Nagoya, 1915	1	2	2	0	0	1	—	—	—	50	19	31	12	7	7	2	9	2	4	60	45	1	16	12	—	—	0	300	24
Shimonoseki, 1915	1	1	5	3	0	—	—	—	—	86	25	61	13	9	9	1	12	2	5	128	66	—	—	—	—	—	14	650	240
Moji, 1915	1	0	3	0	0	1	—	—	—	63	12	51	10	14	8	3	10	4	6	268	185	—	—	—	—	7	9	482	128
Osaka, 1917	1	0	2	6	1	1	3	2	—	116	56	60	27	9	8	6	30	1	6	53	28	—	—	—	25	7	21	438	144
Toyohashi, 1917	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	6	5	5	10	5	1	5	1	4	35	25	—	—	—	—	—	0	28	3
Amagi, 1917	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	39	21	18	14	15	11	4	14	1	3	67	46	—	—	—	12	25	10	168	24
Yawata, 1918	1	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	0	62	35	27	11	12	9	8	10	4	7	118	90	—	—	—	0	0	0	350	60
Nogata, 1918	1	1	4	0	5	4	—	—	—	58	38	50	20	12	9	4	18	3	5	139	45	—	—	—	16	8	394	96	
Kyushu Gaukin Ch., 1921	2	0	46	2	2	11	2	—	—	315	135	180	55	—	—	—	76	1	7	105	64	—	—	—	108	—	0	892	480
Kobe, 1919	1	1	2	0	0	1	—	0	0	39	21	18	15	12	6	4	13	2	7	70	60	—	—	—	10	—	10	212	60
Karatsu, 1921	1	1	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	31	15	16	11	11	9	5	12	1	4	90	46	—	—	—	—	—	0	129	18
Kyoto, 1921	1	0	11	1	1	3	5	0	2	86	53	33	30	17	8	11	31	1	7	125	60	—	—	—	43	—	25	772	192
Minamata, 1921	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	36	51	22	18	9	8	21	2	7	90	75	—	—	—	10	—	25	891	480
Tosu	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	11	12	25	—	12	9	10	1	3	40	33	—	—	—	0	—	0	108	12
Fukushima (Osaka), 1924	0	0	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	31	25	6	22	—	15	12	20	1	1	38	25	—	—	—	—	—	15	111	—
Ebara (Tokyo), 1924	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	26	26	0	18	22	9	4	15	1	9	66	48	—	—	—	28	—	21	544	160
TOTALS	25	13	185	55	16	57	26	48	23	2,670	971	1,399	548	311	229	121	532	50	153	2,821	1,622	14	236	206	434	127	285	12,981	1,676

ACTIONS

of the

JAPAN MISSION

of the

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN AMERICA

in session at

FUKUOKA

May, 5—9, 1928

MEETINGS AND ACTIONS OF THE MISSION

Mission sessions were held as follows:

Saturday,	May 5,	9:00—12:00	M. Fukuoka Church.
		2:30—5:30	P.M. Fukuoka Church.
Monday,	May 7,	9:00—12:00	M. Fukuoka Church.
		2:00—5:00	P.M. Fukuoka Church.
		8:00—10:00	P.M. Norman Home.
Tuesday,	May 8,	9:00—12:00	M. Fukuoka Church
		2:00—5:45	P.M. Fukuoka Church.
		7:00—8:00	P.M. Norman Home.
Wednesday,	May 9,	9:00—12:30	M. Fukuoka Church.
		3:00—6:15	P.M. Fukuoka Church.
		8:00—10:30	P.M. Norman Home.

Devotions at the opening of the sessions were conducted by the following: Revs. Miller, Winther, Heins, Thorlaksson, Norman, and Misses Thoren and Beers.

THE ROLL-CALL was responded to by the following: Rev. J. M. T. Winther, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Rev. L. S. G. Miller, Rev. C. W. Hepner, Miss Martha Akard, Rev. J. K. Linn, Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, Rev. D. G. M. Bach, Rev. C. E. Norman, Miss Maud Powlas, Miss Marion Potts, Rev. J. A. Linn, Rev. F. W. Heins, Miss Faith Lippard, Miss Amy Thoren, Miss Grace Boers, Miss Martha Harder, Miss Helene Harder, Miss Mary Heltibridle, (Nineteen present).

Miss Hendrickson's resignation from our work since our last Convention was mentioned with regret.

The following were absent on furlough: Rev. C. K. Lippard D. D., Rev. J. P. Nielsen, Rev. E. T. Horn, Rev. Geo. W. Schillinger, Rev. A. C. Knudten, Rev. L. G. Gray, Miss Helen Shirk. (Seven absent on furlough).

Present on the field, but absent from this session: Miss Anne Powlas.

The program proposed by the President, and endorsed by the Executive Committee was adopted.

The President appointed the following Committees:

Joint Business Committee:

D. G. M. Bach, S. O. Thorlaksson.

Committee on Education Reports and Church Paper:

J. K. Linn, Miss M. Powlas, Miss Lippard, S. O. Thorlaks-
son.

Committee on President's Report; New Business & Nominations:

C. E. Norman, Miss Akard, Miss Potts, C. W. Hepner, F. W.
Heins.

Committee on Evangelism, Women's Work, and Eleemosynary Re-
ports:

J. A. Linn, Miss M. Powlas, Miss Thoren, A. J. Stirewalt.

On Monday afternoon, Bishop Lea, of the Church of England,
and bishop of Kyushu Diocese, brought fraternal greetings to our
body, in session.

Immediately after devotions on Tuesday morning, the Secre-
tary read a letter which had just come from our Board. The sev-
eral items of Board actions reported to the Mission brought much
cheer, and elicited a rising vote of thanks to the Board.

Mission Actions were taken as follows:

1. That the ad interim actions taken by the Mission Executive
Committee be approved.

2. That a rising vote of welcome be extended to Rev. and Mrs.
Winther who, after an absence of seven years, returned to Japan
on March third of this year, and to Misses Helene Harder and
Mary Heltibridle, new missionaries who arrived on Sept. 11 of last
year.

3. Kyushu Jo Gakuin Deficit: That in case there is a surplus in
the women's work budget at the end of June, the same be trans-
ferred to the credit of Kyushu Jo Gakuin.

4. Women's Work on Main Island: That we approve of sub-
mitting plans to our Women's Missionary Society in America, re-
questing them to permit the women's work of our Mission to es-
tablish one, or more, stations on the Main Island, within the next
two years.

5. Women Missionaries to Extend their Fields of Work: That
our women missionaries make an effort to engage more Japanese
workers, and include in their fields of work as many outlying dis-
tricts, or stations, as possible.

6. Rev. Winther to Teach: That, according to his request, Rev.
Winther be permitted to teach each week, six hours in the Kurume
Commercial School and two or three hours in the Amagi Middle
School, with the understanding that the monthly remuneration of
¥75 and ¥50 respectively, be used for mission work, account be-

ing given at each Convention, both of the amount received, and the use made of it.

7. Automobile Upkeep for Rev. Winther: That Rev. Winther be granted ¥20 per month for automobile upkeep, from April of this year.

8. Automobile Upkeep for Miss Faith Lippard: That Miss Faith Lippard be granted a budget, on the usual basis, for the upkeep of an automobile.

9. Stirewalt Automobile: That considering his furlough in July, Rev. Stirewalt be authorized to dispose of the automobile in his use, at a reasonable price.

10. Stirewalt Home: That Rev. Stirewalt be advised to rent his house, if possible; however, if he is unable to do so, that the Mission assume responsibility during his furlough period.

11. Dental Bills for Rev. and Mrs. Hepner: That ¥283.50 be paid to Dr. Numa, and ¥200 to Dr. Thompson, as dental bills for Rev. and Mrs. Hepner.

12. Tokyo Union Church: That recognizing the need a union church building in Tokyo will fill, we request the Board to grant the sum of ¥500 toward the building fund of said church.

13. Tokyo Relief Work:

a. That the Old People's Home be continued.

b. That Bethany Home be continued.

14. National Christian Council Constitution: That we instruct our newly elected delegate to the N. C. C. to approve of the proposed revision of the constitution of that body.

15. Station Reports: That the station reports made to this Convention be placed in the hands of the Publicity Committee.

16. Evangelistic and Kindergarten Reports: That concise reports of local evangelistic and kindergarten work be presented each year to the Mission Convention, the same to be handed over to the publicity committee unless otherwise published.

17. Mission Home for Kurume: a. That the attention of our Board be called to the urgent need of a missionary's residence in Kurume. b. That it be suggested to the Board that they consult the United Danish Synod as to the possibility of their providing, at least, \$8,000. for land and building.

18. Missionaries' Evangelistic Fund: That the matter of a spe-

cial fund for evangelistic work to be used by missionaries (separate from the regular station budget) be referred to the Mission Executive Committee for consideration, the same to be reported on by September, if possible.

19. Request for Rev. Hepner to Study: That the Mission request our Board to permit Rev. Hepner to do graduate study during his furlough.

20. Rev. Horn's Return: That since our Board has stated its intention of sending Rev. Horn back to Japan this Fall, and since the work at the seminary, and temporarily the work of the Tokyo station, are urgently in need of reenforcements, we request that the Board arrange for Mr. Horn to reach Tokyo by the middle of Sept.

21. Sale of part of Saga Lot: That since a neighbor to our Saga mission home has requested us to sell to him, approximately 20 tsubo of our lot, Revs. Thorlaksson, Winther, and Miller be appointed to investigate and report to the Mission Executive Committee, concerning the advisability of such a sale.

22. Delegate to Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America: That Rev. A. J. Stirewalt represent our Japan Mission at the next Convention of the U. L. C. A., in Erie Pa., Oct. 9.

23. Delegate to the Women's Convention of the U. L. C. A.: That Miss Helen Shirk represent our Mission at the next Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the U. L. C. A.

24. Furlough for Rev. J. A. Linn and Family: That we request our Board to grant to Rev. J. A. Linn and family regular furlough in the Summer of 1929.

25. Expression of Appreciation: That we as a Mission express to Rev. and Mrs. Norman, to Rev. and Mrs. Chiga, and to the members of the Fukuoka congregation, our appreciation of their abundant provision for our entertainment and comfort during the Convention.

MISSION COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES

Delegates to the Conference of Federation of Christian Missions:

Principals:

J. M. T. Winther
J. K. Linn

Alternates:

L. S. G. Miller
J. A. Linn

Miss M. B. Akard

Miss M. Powlas

C. E. Norman

D. G. M. Bach

COLONY OF MERCY COMMITTEE

Miss M. Powlas, Miss M. Potts, L. S. G. Miller

NEWSPAPER EVANGELISM

D. G. M. Bach

**REPRESENTATIVE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:**

S. O. Thorlaksson

**REPRESENTATIVE ON ADVISORY BOARD OF
CANADIAN ACADEMY:**

S. O. Thorlaksson

**RECOMMENDED FOR MEMBERSHIP ON KYUSHU
JO GAKUIN BOARD:**

S. O. Thorlaksson, J. K. Linn.

WOMEN'S WORK COMMITTEE:

Miss M. B. Akard, Miss A. Powlas, Miss F. Lippard, L. S. G. Miller, Ex. Officio.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

F. W. Heins, Miss Amy Thoren.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

S. O. Thorlaksson, J. A. Linn, L. S. G. Miller.

FURNITURE COMMITTEE:

J. A. Linn, Mrs. S. O. Thorlaksson, Miss M. E. Potts.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Miss M. B. Akard, C. E. Norman, J. A. Linn.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

J. A. Linn, F. W. Heins.

AD INTERIM ACTIONS TAKEN BY MISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By Correspondence

- May 29, 1927. That in the opinion of the Executive Committee, if it is necessary for Mrs. Heins to have an operation for appendicitis, it would be best for her to go to Dr. McSparran at Kobe, or to the same doctor at Karuizawa, during the Summer vacation, if the operation can be deferred that long. The necessary expense for the operation is hereby sanctioned.
- June 14, 1927. That J. P. Nielsen be authorized to draw on the Mission treasurer for the amount of expenses connected with special treatment, at St. Luke's in Tokyo.
- July 9, 1927. That a grant of ¥30 be made from Mission Incidentals toward the expenses of the Shimonoseki Training School for Sunday School workers, for the Summer of 1927.
- July 2, 1927. That Miss M. E. Potts be appointed as a second alternate delegate to the 1927 Conference of the Federation of Christian Missions, to serve in the place of Miss A. Powlas and Miss M. B. Akard who find it impossible to attend.
- Aug. 13, 1927. That A. J. Stirewalt be appointed Secretary to succeed J. P. Nielsen who leaves the field on Aug. 18, for America, and that C. W. Hepner be appointed the fifth member on the Mission Ex. Comm. to succeed A. J. Stirewalt.
- Aug. 13, 1927. That the Kobe Mission Home, formerly occupied by Dr. C. K. Lippard be closed, and the house returned to the owner.
- Aug. 13, 1927. That the Board be urged to order the erection of the proposed Tokyo church building from the Autumn of this year, rather than from April of next year.
- Aug. 27, 1927. That Misses Mary Heltibridle and Helene Harder be placed in the Tokyo Language School for their course of study in the Japanese language.
- Aug. 29, 1927. That authority be given the Ji Ai En committee to build, at once, the new Children's Home on the ground of the institution, the erection of the same having been authorized by the Mission, and money for this purpose being in the 1927 budget.

MEETING:

The Mission Ex. Committee met in Ashiya, Ilyogo Ken, Sept. 20, 1927, and took the following actions:—

1. That in reply to the Board's query, our secretary is asked to reply to the Board, stating the amount of tuition that would be saved the missionaries in Tokyo, in case the Board became a supporting body of the American School.

2. That the secretary give reasons to the Board, showing that it would be unwise to postpone the furloughs of Messrs Hepner and Stirewalt from 1928 to 1929.

3. That the secretary inform the Board that because of new missionaries and because of new classes being admitted at Kyushu Jo Gakuin, it will likely be necessary to increase the budget for women's work for the year July 1928 to June 1929. (The Board has asked that budgets not be increased during that period).

4. That the request of Kyushu Jo Gakuin for approximately ¥2,000 for repairs on property damaged by the typhoon of Sept. 13, be granted.

5. That the secretary express appreciation to our Board for the \$16,000 made available for the Osaka Church property, for the \$10,000 made available for the Tokyo Church property, for funds for the missionaries' home at the Ji Ai En, and for the endowment fund for Kyushu Jo Gakuin.

6. That the secretary point out to the Board that the money spent on Kyoto property was in conformity with the Board's previous agreement, and that they be asked to give information as to what they mean when referring to the expenditure from 1926 budget balance, for property in Kumamoto and in Tokyo.

7. That the Sec. inform the Board that while we can not say that the return of Rev. Gray to Japan, is imperative, we would say that the work in Omuta has need of being strengthened, and that should the board see fit to send him back, this year, he would find a needy field.

8. That the secretary inform the Board that the exchange of delegates between the Japan Mission and their China Mission is desirable, and that we will study the question further, and submit plans later.

9. That we vacate the house at Suma, Kobe, from the end of September, and that Rev. C. W. Hepner be asked to store the property belonging to Dr. Lippard.

10. That A. J. Stirewalt be elected to membership on the Constitution Revision Committee, to fill vacancy made by the return of Rev. Nielson to America.

11. That Rev. Bach be elected to membership on the Literature Comm., to fill vacancy made by the return of Rev. Nielsen to America.

12. That the secretary draw up a suitable resolution on the death of Dr. M. J. Epting, and that copies be sent to Mrs. Epting, to our Board, and to The Lutheran.

13. That the secretary send the Mission's invitation to Dr. F. H. Knuble to visit the Japan Mission, in connection with his attendance at the Jerusalem Conference, next Spring, and that if possible, to spend the Summer vacation period, at Karuizawa.

14. That the money (¥5,000) received from the insurance company, in consequence of the Moji fire, be used in putting a permanent roof over the remains of the damaged building, and in building on the Tani Machi lot, a suitable church, the former expenditure to be approximately ¥800, and the latter, together with equipment, about ¥4,200.

15. That the treasurer be authorized to pay the following dental and medical bills: Dental bill—Norman family ¥423.50; Dental bill—Hepner family ¥340; Dental bill—Mrs. Nielsen ¥185; Medical bill—Stirewalt family ¥630.50; Medical bill—Miller family, as per bill.

16. That the secretary advise the Board that Mary Miller is expected to finish her high school course in June 1928, and request them to authorize the Mission Treas. to draw traveling expenses for her to go to America, next Summer, to enter college.

17. That the bamboo fence, at the Schillinger home which was blown down by the typhoon of Sept. 13, be replaced by a brick fence, at an approximate cost of ¥250.

18. That the Sec. be asked to remind the missionaries that our station reports are to be in the hands of the Board by March 1. This means that they must reach the Mission secretary by February 1.

19. That the entire amount realized from the Cooper estate be invested in a suitable lot for the Osaka Church, if needed for such. (A recent letter from the Board to Rev. Hepner states the amount realized, to date, to be \$16,000.)

By CORRESPONDENCE

Oct. 14, 1927. That we approve of building a brick fence on the east and west sides of the Mission home lot, and repairing some old fences on the same lot in Fukuoka, at a cost of about ¥400, ¥150 of this amount to be taken from the upkeep money for this property, in 1927 budget, and the balance of ¥250 to be a special grant from this year's budget.

Nov. 4, 1927. That C. W. Hepner be authorized to draw on the treasurer for the amount necessary for the cost of the operation on nose and throat, the same not likely to be in excess of ¥150.

Dec. 13, 1927. That in case a sufficient amount is left in the Tokyo Relief Work budget, at the end of this year, the amount of \$1,800 be transferred to our Theol. Seminary for use in meeting road expenses recently approved by us; and that in case the full amount can not be secured from the Tokyo Relief Work budget, the remaining amount be appropriated from the amount that may yet remain in the Mission budget.

MEETING:

The Mission Executive Committee met at Ashiya, on January 13, and the following actions were taken:

1. Voted that ¥315 be granted from 1927 budget balance to Rev. C. W. Hepner, as medical allowance.

2. Voted that the secretary be instructed to enquire of the Board the Board relationship to Maya Winther, and if not already arranged, to advise that she be sent out to Japan under the Women's Board.

3. Voted to grant ¥29 as property upkeep for Moji mission home, the same to be taken from 1927 budget balance.

4. Voted to grant approximately ¥50 from 1927 budget balance for additional expenses on brick fences at Fukuoka mission home.

5. Voted that ¥1,500 from 1927 Women's Work budget balance be appropriated to meet expenses occasioned at Kyushu Jo Gakuin, by the typhoon in September.

6. Voted to approve the use of approximately ¥400 out of Tokyo Relief funds for the construction of an additional room to the Old People's Home, for Sunday School use (Community children).

7. Voted to approve (1) of the Kurume Church members erecting on the Kurume Church lot a kindergarten building, (2) to per-

mit the removal to another part of the lot, the present kindergarten building, if found advisable to do so, in order to give proper place for the new building, (3) to express our appreciation to the Kurume Church council for this work the congregation is doing.

8. Voted that in reply to Rev. Thorlaksson's request that we help to finance the acquisition of property in Amagi, we say that we are under strict orders not to appropriate for property, any budget money, and that since the Jt. Ex. Comm. has acted on the proposition, we feel it unnecessary to take action. However, we desire to express our appreciation of the Amagi Church in its efforts to secure property.

9. Voted that we appropriate up to ¥50 for Mrs. Thorlaksson's use in language study as she may see fit to use it, during the first six months of 1928.

10. Voted to approve the erection of a parsonage on the Ebara Church lot according to the plan used for the erection of the Ebara Chapel (recorded on P. 26, 1927 minutes), in case a loan for such can be secured.

11. Voted to appropriate ¥150 from 1927 budget surplus, to meet deficit incurred by seminary work at Nakano Kogisho. (Requested by Jt. Ex. Comm.)

12. Voted that we appropriate from 1927 Mission budget balance, ¥118.20 to meet expenses of making a temporary roof over Rogetsu Cho, Moji, Chapel after the fire in June, so as to conserve the full ¥5,000 insurance money for permanent repairs, and for new chapel at Tani Machi, Moji. (Requested by Jt. Ex. Comm.)

13. Voted that in compliance with the desire expressed by Dr. Drach, the balance of the Cooper estate fund, after full payment for the Osaka Church lot is made, be used toward the erection of a parsonage, built so as also to temporarily serve as church, on this lot; and that local contributions and present rents for church and parsonage, after the completion of the proposed building, be used in supplementary payment. (The estimated cost is about ¥5,600).

14. Voted that in compliance with the Board's instructions, all 1927 balances be reported to the Treasurer, and that hereafter funds be drawn within the budget, only as needed for expenses.

15. Voted that the secretary reply to the Board's enquiry regarding financial obligation to the Canadian Academy at Kobe, and to the American School in Tokyo.

16. Voted to call the Board's attention to the fact that Dr. Wolf has given instruction to the Mission Treasurer to draw furlough

traveling allowances separate from the budget, and therefore we believe your meaning in letter of Dec. 12, 1927, to be that the Mission Treasurer is authorized to draw on Board for Marv Miller's Traveling expenses, rather than put this item in our budget.

17. Voted that in conformity with the Language School administration's request, to appoint language student advisors, we appoint the chairman of the Women's Work Committee and the Chairman of the Mission as such, the former for women, and the latter for men.

18. Voted to request the Mission Board to grant the following budgets: January—June 1928: Men's Work ¥49,157.50, Women's Work, ¥25,000.00 July, 1928—June 1929: Men's Work ¥103,905.00, Women's Work ¥63,769.00.

By CORRESPONDENCE

Feb. 18, 1928. That the amount of ¥40 be granted from the amount for general incidentals, as upkeep for the Schillinger home, at Kumamoto during the first six months of 1928.

Feb. 22, 1928. That A. J. Stirewalt be authorized to draw on the Mission treasurer for ¥106 to cover expense of tonsil operation for his daughter, Ruth.

Feb. 25, 1928. That S. O. Thorlaksson be authorized to draw on Mission treasurer for the necessary expenses in connection with an operation for appendicitis on his daughter. The minimum will likely be ¥300.

March 10, 1928. That the following cable be sent, at once, to the Board: "Women's budget reduction too great. Cannot carry on"; and that by letter, an absolute minimum of \$28,000 for the year 1928-29 be requested.

March 14, 1928. That the Mission make an urgent request of the Women's Missionary Society to grant \$12,500 for the second unit of the Janice James' School dormitory, that permission be given to begin construction by Sept. 1928, that \$5,000 as first payment on same be sent out not later than Oct. 1928, and the other payments as needed while the dormitory is being built.

March 14, 1928. That the matter of Miss Eiko Yonemura's further study in the Biblical Seminary, New York, be left to the decision of the candidate committee of the Women's Missionary Society, after consultation with Miss Yonemura.

March 27, 1928. That approval be given the president's proposed program for our 1928 Convention.

April 9, 1928. That we sell one tsubo, one go, and four shaku of our Osaka church lot, to the city of Osaka, in order that it may widen the street passing our lot.

AUDITORS REPORT

We the members of the auditing committee beg to report that the Treasurer's Books have been duly audited and found to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LINN
FRED W. HEINS

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

During the past year the publicity committee planned two series of articles, one for the "Lutheran Women's Work," and one for the "Foreign Missionary." The theme of the articles asked from the women was "The Power of the Cross." This was to be elaborated on in relation to kindergartens, Sunday Schools, Fujin Kai, old people, sick, and so on. We also asked for a letter for each month. We sent out notices each month and actually succeeded in getting eleven articles and letters, of which six have appeared in print up to date. The articles for "The Foreign Missionary" were to center around the topic of "Christ at Work in Japan," such as "Christ, the Friend of Youth," "The adviser of Students," "The Great Physician," etc. Four articles have appeared in the "Foreign Missionary."

Respectfully submitted,

AMY THOREN
FRED W. HEINS.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO FEDERATED MISSIONS

The annual conference of the Federation of Christian Missions was held in Karuizawa last year August 1.-4th. The Conference was presided over by Miss Jane Scott. Miss Scott took for her convention sermon the text, "Sir, we would see Jesus," and reminded us, as we cannot be too often reminded, that it is Jesus whom we must give to the world.

The Conference now, as you know, is to provide "opportunity for gatherings of an inspirational and educative character." Last year the theme of the Conference was "The tomorrow of Missions in Japan," and the delegates devoted themselves to the consideration of four of the main topics to be considered at the Jerusalem Conference, namely,—1. The securing of indigenous leadership. 2. Christian education. 3. Contact with the non-Christian religions. 4. Race relationships. The Conference divided itself into four groups, and discussed these topics in their relation to Japan. The findings of these four groups were published in the Japan Christian Quarterly for October 1927. If you have not read these findings we beg you to read them, and if you have read them, we beg a second reading, and your earnest prayer and thoughtful consideration of the problems involved. For these are all vital problems in our work in Japan, and demand the active participation of every missionary and mission in their solution.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. POTTS
S. O. THORLAKSSON
C. W. HEPNER
D. G. M. BACH.

CANADIAN ACADEMY

Your representative on the Canadian Academy Advisory Board attended two sessions of this Board during the past year. And had the honor of serving as its Secretary.

The institution has had a successful year, both from the viewpoint of finance and quota of students.

Our continued patronage is earnestly solicited especially in the contemplated change of location to Nikawa, situated on one of the suburban electric lines about 30 minutes from Kobe.

In view of the fact that so many of our boys and girls have been educated at this institution our interest in its welfare is genuine and permanent.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HEPNER.

REPORT OF FURNITURE COMMITTEE

May, 1927 to May, 1928

All the business of this Committee has been done by correspondence and has been chiefly concerned with the transfer, repair and purchase of furniture. A detailed account of its transactions and a financial statement will be found in the files of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. POTTS
Chairman

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

We, your Property Committee, during the year have studied and approved plans for the Church building at Tokyo, the Church building at Moji and the Community Hall at Kurume. Contracts were let for the two Church buildings. The former will be completed by the middle of May, and it is planned to dedicate the same on June 3rd. The Church at Moji was completed in March, and dedicated on March 25th.

A. J. STIREWALT
J. A. LINN
S. O. THORLAKSSON
